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NOTES AND EXTRACTS

FROM THE

COUNTY RECORDS

Comprised in the Quarter Sessions Rolls from

1714 TO 1832.

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WITH AN

INTRODUCTION

regarding the Work of the County Records Committee.

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INTRODUCTION.

On the 4th February, 1898, the General Purposes Committee of the Bedfordshire County Council reported that a communication had been received from the Congress of Archæological Societies, urging upon Corporate Bodies the desirability of searching for and of taking steps with a view to the preservation of old and valuable documents. Upon receipt of this communication the General Purposes Committee appointed a Special Sub-Committee consisting of Alderman Samuel Whitbread and Councillors William Francis Higgins, Edward Thurlow Leeds Smith, Herbert Owen Williams, and Henry Trethewy, to consider and report upon the subject. This Sub-Committee reported that they found the condition of the documents in the County Muniment Room at the Shire Hall and the manner of storage very unsatisfactory, and they recommended that the services of an expert should be engaged and steps taken for the preservation of the Records.

On the 1st April, 1898, the General Purposes Committee recommended to the Council the desirability of appointing a County Records Committee to whom the subject should be referred; and accordingly the following Members of the Council were appointed as the first County Records Committee :—

The Chairman of the Council, The Duke of Bedford,
The Vice-Chairman, The Viscount Peel, } *Ex-officio.*

i	Alderman	Edward Ernest Dymond,
ii	,,	Samuel Whitbread,
iii	Councillor	Edward Thurlow Leeds Smith,
	,,	Henry Trethewy,
	,,	Charles Wells,
	,,	Herbert Owen Williams,
iv	,,	the Rev. Paul Williams Wyatt.

Of these original Members the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Leeds Smith, Mr. Charles Wells, Mr. Samuel Whitbread, and the Rev. Paul W. Wyatt are still Members of the Committee.

The first Chairman of the Committee was Mr. Henry Trethewy, and on his retirement from the Council in 1904 the Rev. Paul Williams Wyatt was appointed Chairman.

The following Members of the Council have also served on the Committee :—Alderman Robert Richmond, Councillor Hugh Cumberland, and Councillor Edmond Robert Green, and these gentlemen are at present all Members of the Committee.

Note i. Vice-Chairman of the Council 1894—1897.

ii. Chairman of the General Purposes Committee 1898—1904.

iii. Chairman of the Finance Committee since 1897.

iv. Chairman of the Technical Instruction Committee 1901—1903.

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The work which lay before the Committee at the outset was a difficult one. Existing documents and papers were stored, in considerable confusion, in premises which were neither fire-proof nor secured from burglary, and which were, in addition, ill-ventilated and musty.

The first step was to thoroughly restore the building and render it fire-proof, securing the windows by special wire-run glass, and to fit up the interior with suitable shelf accommodation.

For the reception of Award Maps, obviously a very valuable possession of the County, a large cabinet with series of drawers was arranged under the advice of the British Museum experts.

The Sessions Rolls (the earliest of which date only from 1714) and other records were carefully examined, restored, and gradually arranged by Messrs. Hardy & Page, preparatory to being bound in volumes.

This work has extended over a period of 9 years, and is now completed to the commencement of the reign of Queen Victoria.

The Committee has endeavoured, without success, to discover satisfactory reasons for the loss of all earlier documents.

The condition of the [i]old Muniment Room accounts for the destruction of some, as the earlier of the surviving ones have largely suffered from damp and discoloration. A further reason seems possible.

Owing to the fact that the offices of Clerk of the Peace for the County and Town Clerk of the Borough of Bedford were for so long held by a single individual in the cases of Theed Pearse, sen., Theed Pearse, jun., and Theed William Pearse, certain public documents were kept together in the Parish chest in the old Muniment Room over the South Porch of S. Paul's Church.

The custody of the early records appears to have been subject to constant change.

The papers were first removed from the "Evidence [ii]House of the Corporation," probably the Moot Hall or Guildhall of the town, to S. Paul's Church Vestry, July 5, 1736. They were then deposited in the restored Evidence House; and were probably again removed to the Church on the disuse of the Guildhall in 1753. The final change to the Shire Hall offices took place about the year[iii] 1880.

Consequent on these [iv]changes many papers may have been lost. In proof of this it may be noted that an early Borough Charter was lost either during the custody in the Church Muniment Room, or at one of the changes; and, being discovered many years later in private ownership, was restored to the Town.

Note i. There is no old drawing showing the position of this before the present buildings by Waterhouse. The front of the old Shire Hall in the print in J. H. Matthiason's History of 1831 just obscures it.

ii. This building stood near the site of the old Corn Exchange on the present Market Square.

iii. The bringing over of the Parish chest and papers is well remembered by Mr. Thomas Bull, Mr. W. Davis, Mr. Horton (Chief Clerk at the Shire Hall), and the present Chairman of the Records Committee.

iv. Confirming charter (Plantaganet) found in looking over the parchments in the Wyatt collection by Mr. F. A. Page-Turner.

In examining the arranged records, the Committee would call attention to the very careful character of the excerpts made by Messrs. Hardy & Page; which note most points of general value. Many of the indictments and the punishments awarded are interesting, as illustrating the customs and social views of the period. It is to be regretted that the Sacrament Certificates are in such uniformly bad condition that most of the signatures are illegible. Of those which are decipherable, the chief names of interest are those of Richard Orlebar[i] at Puddington, Lewis Monoux at Sandye, John Harvey at Ickwelle, John Cater[ii] at Kempston, Sir Pynsent Chernocke[iii] at Holcutt, and William Hillersden[iv] 'of the said Towne and County at Elstowe.'

Two points of general interest may be noted.

There are many certificates for payments of accounts at the Prison and Bridewell. The recurrence of certain items, viz., straw, bread, and the schedule of drugs, points to the conditions of life of the inmates and the prevalent epidemics, gaol fever and scurvy.

The Blacksmith's accounts uncomfortably remind us of the very late date at which fetters and leg-irons were in common use.

But, on closer examination, a brighter light is thrown upon the period by the evidence of constant care on the part of the Bedfordshire Justices for the state of the Gaol and Bridewell and the health of the prisoners. Growing attention to the subject is sufficiently marked to raise the question as to why the rate of progress in the prison conditions is so accelerated. The change undoubtedly synchronized with the work and influence of John Howard of Cardington.

In 1773 the Philanthropist served as High Sheriff of Bedfordshire, and in that year visited the County Gaol, the Town Gaol, and the Bridewell. These visits were followed by that remarkable series of journeys throughout England and the Continent, which revolutionized the treatment of the imprisoned; and called forth from Edmund Burke the magnificent tribute "His plan is original and it is as full of genius as it is of humanity. It was a voyage of discovery—a circumnavigation of charity."

As early as 1774 Howard was examined on the subject in the House of Commons. From 1773 to the year of his death 1790, he constantly used the house in Mill Street, Bedford, called by his name, from the Saturday to Monday, while in residence at Cardington. This gave him frequent opportunities of further inspection of the local prisons.[v]

In 1783 an entry bears distinct evidence of his influence, and in 1787 a move is made for the enlargement of the [vi]buildings and for placing the cells above ground.

Note i. High Sheriff 1721.

ii. High Sheriff 1768.

iii. 3rd Baronet, M.P. for Beds., son of Sir Villiers, also M.P. for Beds.

iv. His grandfather bought the lands of Elstow Priory of the Radcliffes, and built Elstow Place, the 'Palace Beautiful' of the Pilgrims Progress.

v. These facts, with the dates, were communicated by Sir Frederick Howard, a former Member of the Council, and County Alderman from 1889 to 1895.

vi. This refers to the Prison which stood at the corner of Silver Street and High Street, and included the present Chequer's Inn, and further projected into the High Street roadway and across the present Silver Street roadway, the old Silver Street being opposite to Mill Street. There is a record of the Magistrates approving an arched culvert from here to Well Street.

Extracts from the certificates of the Gaoler in 1790 point to distinctly improved conditions, both material and moral, and the care for sick prisoners is specially noticeable. A year or two further on extensive alterations and improvements were undertaken to the gaol, felon's yard, and yard of the house of correction, and long minutes occur showing the importance the justices attach to humane treatment of the inmates, male and female.

The other remarkable set of records referred to is the collection of Justices' warrants for horses, wagons, and labour in connection with the removal of troops. These warrants extend from 1722 to 1741.

Mr. Whitbread first called attention to the unusual number and rapid shifts of the regiments in Bedfordshire; and the attempt was made to trace a connection between these changes of station and the secret movements of the Jacobite party.

Careful examination has not warranted such supposition; the fact seeming rather to be that we have, accidently preserved, in this County, a very complete record of the regular marches of the troops in their changes of station, at a central point of the country, where the great high-roads either intersected or closely approached each other.

Among the excerpts of special character may be mentioned the following:—The Gaol Medicine's accounts pp. 1, 52; Small-pox p. 13; list of Public-houses p. 30; Indictments for practising trades without previous apprenticeship p. 32 et seq; mention of the Moravian body in Bedford p. 34; Ouse navigation p. 45; Outlawry p. 52; Irons on Prisoners in Court p. 64; Bedfordshire Militia p. 67 et seq; earliest convictions for false weight p. 93; erection of Bromham Mill p. 131; High Constable for the hundred of Flitt p. 162; Forged Bank of England Notes p. 162.

The County Records Committee having decided to issue to the Members of the County Council in a small volume the Notes on the Quarter Sessions Records so far as they have now been printed, and they having requested their Chairman to prepare an Introduction, the present volume is placed in the hands of the Members of the Council in the hope that it may prove of interest and value.

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1714.

11 25th August. **Recognizance** for the appearance of William Peel, Adam Buckett, and Henry Faunch, to answer for "setting or pitching a hay nett" and snaring hares, at the hamlet of Heath and Reach, in the manor of Leighton Buzzard.

25, &c. Numerous **Sacrament Certificates** and **Certificates of Conviction** of various persons for swearing profane oaths.

74 **Indictment** of John Trustram of Luton, for assaulting John Sherlock and imprisoning him for the space of one hour.

1716.

26 An **Account of Medicines** for the gaol. The items are principally "scorbutic oyntment, sudorific bolus, anodine draught, cathartick pills No. 5, cordial bolus, cordiall jular, anodine electuary."

1721.

19a **Declaration** of James I. and **Articles of Religion** imperfect; Articles 34, 35, and 36 are crossed out.

1722.

1 and 2 11th April. **Warrant** to the constables of Wymington and Puddington to provide a waggon with seven horses and two able bodied men to convey the baggage of the regiment of foot, commanded by Brigadier Grove, from Bedford to Higham Ferrers.

5 Like **warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of a troop of Lord Londonderry's Regiment from Bedford to Wellingborough.

16 4th October. **Account** of "Gaol necessaries." July 24th. (?) Gave drink to several persons that put the fire out, the gaol being on fire and the dungeon doors burnt, 7s. 6d.

1724.

5 2nd June. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of a troop of horse of Lord Londonderry's Regiment from Dunstable to Stony Stratford.

9th December. **Information** by Alexander Perring of Clapham, in the County of Bedford, that on or about the 4th December last, he being one of the field drivers of the said parish, and sworn into that office at a court baron held by order of the lord of the manor of the said parish, saw one William Geery, Samuel Jackson, and James Pain driving a cart laden with stubble straw over the cow commons belonging to the said parish, contrary to the by-laws of the said manor, which by-laws the informant was sworn to do his best to see put in execution, and in order thereto, he rode up to the said cart and ordered the said Samuel Jackson to drive the horses and cart into the road and not over the cow commons, which he refused to do, and then William Geery came up and said that the said Jackson should drive the cart over the common, which the informant tried to prevent, whereupon he was beaten and wounded by the said Jackson and Geery. 62

15th July. **Petition** of John Young and Blaze Sounds, closely confined in the county gaol for debt, to the justices of the peace, praying for an allowance of bread as the other debtors receive, otherwise they will perish. Note "Allowed bread as desired." 105

Like **Petition** of Jane Smith, widow. 106

1725.

12th April. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of a troop of Lord Cobham's Regiment of Horse from Bedford to Royston. 5

12th April. Like **warrants.** 6 and 7

12th April. Like **warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of the same regiment from Woburn to Luton. 8

13th April. Like **warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of the same regiment from Bedford to Royston. 9

14th April. Like **warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of the same regiment from Shefford to Buntingford 10

Like **warrant.** 11

Like **warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of the same regiment from Bedford to Royston. 12

Like **warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of the same regiment from Luton to Hatfield. 13

15th July. **Necessary expenses** for the gaol. For mutton and comfortable things for Church, Edmonds, and divers others, since last session, 15s. 100

16th January. **Presentment** by the surveyors of the parish of Chalgrave, that the highways are out of repair. 122

124 18th January. Like **presentment** by the parish of Stanbridge.

131 6th October. The surveyors of the highways of the parish of Wilden present that the highways are in good repair.

1726.

4 27th April. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of three troops of Horse Guards from Biggleswade to Huntingdon.

5—9 27th April. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of a troop of the Duke of Bolton's Regiment of Horse Guards from Dunstable to Newport Pagnell.

11 17th May. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of Lord Londonderry's Regiment from Woburn to Buntingford.

12 20th June. **Warrant** to the constables of Dunstable for the conveyance of the King's baggage to Luton.

14 and 15 16th September. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of the Princess of Wales' Regiment of Horse, commanded by the Duke of Argyll, from Woburn to Towcester.

19—23 17th December. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of the regiment of Dragoons, commanded by Brigadier Gore, from Dunstable to St. Albans.

1727.

1, 8—11 13—16 3rd January. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of Colonel Clayton's Regiment from Dunstable to Hatfield.

7 30th January. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of a Company of Foot from Dunstable to Hatfield.

17 6th February. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of the King's Own Regiment from Bedford to Dunstable.

19—24 18th February. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of the Princess of Wales' Regiment from Dunstable to St. Albans.

25 and 26 8th March. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of the King's Own Regiment from Leighton Buzzard to Hempstead.

33—36 15th May. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of the Duke of Bolton's Regiment from Bedford to Northampton.

42 19th August. **Warrant** to the constables of Leighton Buzzard for the conveyance of the baggage of Major Lisle's troop in his own regiment of horse from Leighton Buzzard to Ware.

21st August. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of Captain Lancaster's troop of horse from Dunstable to Ware. 43

14th September. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of that part of the King's Own Regiment commanded by Viscount Cobham, from Dunstable to St. Albans. 46

15th September. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of a troop of Viscount Cobham's Regiment of Horse from Leighton to St. Albans. 48

30th September. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of the Queen's Own Regiment of Horse, commanded by the Duke of Argyll, from Dunstable to Newport Pagnell, in their route to Nottingham and Stamford. 52—56, and 58

5th October. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of the King's Regiment of Horse from Dunstable to Hertford. 59

5th October. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of three troops of the Queen's Royal Regiment from Dunstable to Newport Pagnell. 60

16th October. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of a troop of the same regiment from Biggleswade to Dunstable. 61

17th October. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of Brigadier Ker's Dragoons from Woburn to Dunstable. 62 and 63

17th October. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of the Queen's Own Regiment from Dunstable to St. Albans, on their way to be reviewed by the King on Hounslow Heath. 64 and 65

19th October. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of the Queen's Own Regiment of Dragoons from Biggleswade to Stevenage. 66

21st October. **Warrant** for carrying the baggage of the Royal Regiment of North British Dragoons from Dunstable to Watford, on their way for review on Hounslow Heath. 69

21st October.. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of some troops of Dragoons from Dunstable to Watford. 70

22nd October. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of part of the Queen's Own Regiment of Dragoons, under the command of Brigadier Ker, from Dunstable to St. Albans. 71—74

23rd October. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of part of the regiment of North British Dragoons, under the command of the Hon. James Campbell, from Dunstable to Watford, on their way to be reviewed on Hounslow Heath. 75—77

78 and 79 23rd October. **Warrants** for carrying the baggage of part of the King's Own Regiment, under the command of Major General Gore, from Dunstable to Newport Pagnell.

81, 82, 86, 90 1st November. Like **warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of part of the said regiment from Dunstable to Woburn.

83—85, 95 and 96 2nd November. **Warrants** for the conveyance of a troop of the said regiment from Woburn to Newport Pagnell.

87—89 3rd November. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of the regiment of North British Dragoons from Dunstable to Newport Pagnell.

91 4th November. **Warrant** for the conveyance of part of the King's Own Regiment to Northampton.

92 4th November. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of part of the regiment of North British Dragoons from Dunstable to Newport Pagnell.

93 and 94 6th November. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the King's baggage from Dunstable to Woburn.

100 7th November. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage and sick men of Brigadier Ker's regiment from Woburn to Aylesbury.

228 4th October. **Presentment** that the highway leading from the parish of Woburn towards Eversholt is out of repair.

1728.

7 6th March. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of a troop of the King's Own Regiment of horse, commanded by Viscount Cobham, from Leighton Buzzard to St. Albans.

9 13th April. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of three companies of foot soldiers of the King's Royal Regiment of Welsh Fuzileers from Biggleswade to Dunstable.

10 15th April. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of three companies of the said regiment from Biggleswade to Market Street.

11 19th April. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of three companies of the same regiment from Biggleswade to Baldock, Dunstable, and Redbourn.

12 17th April. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of three companies of the same regiment from Baldock and Hitchin.

29th April. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of the King's Regiment of Horse, under the command of Viscount Cobham, from Leighton Buzzard to Towcester, on their march from Wellingborough, Bedford, Northampton, Newport Pagnell, Towcester, and Daventry. 14

29th April. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of a company of soldiers from Luton to Hemel Hempstead. 15

30th April. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of two troops of the Duke of Bolton's Royal Regiment of Horse Guards from Bedford to Hitchin. 16

30th April. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of the said regiment from Dunstable to St. Albans, in their march to St. Albans, Hertford, Ware, Barnet, Watford, and Hempstead. 17

30th April **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of the same regiment from Bedford to Hitchin. 18

30th April. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of the same regiment from Dunstable to St. Albans. 19

30th April. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of Viscount Cobham's regiment from Leighton Buzzard to Towcester. 20—22

1st May. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of 25 men of the Royal Regiment of Horse Guards from Luton to Ware. 21

1st May. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of the same regiment from Bedford to Wellingborough. 23

2nd May. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of the Duke of Bolton's Regiment of Horse Guards, which was quartered at Daventry, from Leighton Buzzard to Hempstead, in their march to St. Albans, Hertford, Ware, Barnet, and Hempstead. 24

2nd May. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of the same regiment from Dunstable to Watford. 25

2nd May. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of the same regiment to St. Albans. 26

2nd May. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of the same regiment from Dunstable to Barnet. 27

2nd May. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of Viscount Cobham's Regiment from Dunstable to Newport Pagnell. 28

2nd May. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of the Duke of Bolton's Regiment from Dunstable to St. Albans. 29

31 and 32 4th May. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of the Royal Regiment of Fuzileers, under the Command of Lieutenant-General Sabine, from Dunstable to Hempstead, in their march to Kingston, the Wick, Brentford, Acton and Ealing, Isleworth, Twickenham, and Hounslow.

35 and 35 21st May. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of Col. the Hon. Edward Montague's Regiment of Foot from Dunstable to Woburn, in their march to Berwick.

37 and 40 41 23rd May. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of the same regiment from Woburn to Newport Pagnell.

39 23rd May. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the same from Dunstable to Woburn.

44—46 July. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of Col. the Hon. Henry Harrison's Regiment of Foot, in their march to Chester, Nantwich, Wrexham, and Middlewich.

53—57 October. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of the Queen's Own Regiment of Horse from Dunstable to Newport Pagnell.

58 6th October. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of one troop of horse of Viscount Cobham's Regiment, now quartering at Bedford, to Ampthill.

60, 62—67 11th October. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of a troop of the King's Own Regiment of Dragoons, under the command of Lord Carpenter, from Woburn to Berkhamstead. Other warrants to carry the baggage of the same regiment to Redbourn, Luton, and Dunstable, in their march from York to Dunstable, Luton, Redbourn, Hertford, Hoddesden, and Berkhamstead.

90 **Recognizance** for the appearance of Thomas Crawley of Market Street, and John Jenkins of Eaton Bray, for their appearance to answer for refusing to billet or quarter two Dragoons and two horses.

114 **Information** that William Rawlins and William Whitbread the younger shot and killed pigeons in the yard of Edmund Botsworth, in the parish of Eversholt.

115 10th January. **Certificate** that the dwelling house of Sarah Norman, in in the town of Shitlington is a place for the meeting of Protestant Dissenters.

158 **Certificate** for repairs to Bromham Bridge.

173 **Petition** of John Byby, parson of the church of Caddington, that his parish is partly in the County of Bedford and partly in that of Herts., and there is consequently a difficulty in the collection of the poor rate.

1729.

7th May. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of a troop of the King's Own Regiment, commanded by Lord Cobham, from Luton to Hitchin.	9
5th May. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of a troop of the King's Own Regiment from Bedford to Hitchin.	14
May. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of the same regiment from Dunstable to St. Albans.	15, 17, 18, 22—24
6th May. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the same from Leighton Buzzard to Hempstead.	19 and 20
May. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of a troop of the Royal Regiment of Horse Guards, commanded by the Duke of Bolton, from Dunstable to Newport Pagnell.	21, 25, 27
8th May. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of a troop of the said regiment from Woburn to Northampton.	26 and 30
8th May. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of the King's Own Regiment of Horse from Bedford to Wellingborough.	28
8th May. **Carriage warrant** for the conveyance of a troop of the Royal Regiment of Horse Guards, commanded by the Duke of Bolton, from Dunstable to Stony Stratford.	29 and 31
8th May. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of a troop of soldiers from Luton to Bedford.	37
11th September. **Warrant** for the coveyance of the baggage of a troop of the Duke of Bolton's Regiment from Bedford to Northampton.	38

1730.

19th April. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of the Queen's Own Royal Regiment of Horse from Dunstable to Newport Pagnel.*	6
11th May. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of one troop of Horse belonging to the King's Own Regiment from Bedford to Higham Ferrers.	7 and 8
12th May. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of a troop of the Queen's Own Regiment of Horse from Dunstable to St. Albans.	9 and 14

*NOTE.—All the Warrants for Conveyance of Troops are noted, as they are often important as showing the position of the Regiment at particular times, information which is not always to be obtained elsewhere.

15 and 17 9th June. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of a troop of the King's Own Regiment of Horse, commanded by Viscount Cobham, from Dunstable to St. Albans.

16 9th June. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of two troops of the same regiment from Leighton Buzzard to Hempstead.

18—20 18th June. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of the same regiment from Dunstable to Chesham.

21—26 26th June. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of part of the same regiment from Dunstable to Newport Pagnel.

27 29th June. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of part of the same regiment from Chalgrave to Newport Pagnel.

36 7th November. **Examination** of Anne Johnson, a vagrant, taken up in the parish of Wootton.

She says that she does not very well know how old she is, but appears to be between 13 and 14 years of age. That her father and mother were named Richard and Sarah Johnson, and that her father was a miller and lived in the parish of Wirksworth, in the county of Derby, in which parish deponent was born as she has often been told by her father and mother. That her father, owing more money in and about Wirksworth than he was able to pay, and afraid of being thrown into prison, some years ago (but how many deponent cannot tell), together with his wife and the deponent, left the parish of Wirksworth and went from thence to the City of London, where, after they had been some time deponent's mother died, and the same summer the father also died. Ever since his death she has lived by begging, and sometimes has earned some small wages by keeping of sheep and cows in the fields belonging to several parishes and counties through which she has wandered.

61 **Recognizance** by Hannah White to give evidence against Robert Mane, of Dunstable, barber or peruke-maker, for striking her on the arms and back with a broom.

67 15th April. **Depositions** of Elizabeth, wife of John Collett. that Daniel Britton of Stotfold, carpenter, offered to kiss her in the house of Eden Smith, and upon her refusal assaulted her.

68 16th April. **Examination** of Mary, wife of William Barnett, of Biddenham, labourer.

She deposes that six months since she became acquainted with George White, of Biddenham, tailor, and frequently during that time has travelled about the country with him in a lewd, idle, and disorderly manner.

Examination of John Partridge, of Biddenham, gentleman.

He deposes that the said Mary Barnet has several times absented herself from her husband and wandered abroad from the said parish with the said George White, by reason whereof the said William Barnett has been rendered incapable of supporting his family, and has been forced to ask and actually to receive relief from the parish of Biddenham.

16th April. **Examination** of William Barnet, of [Biddenh]am, labourer. 69

He deposes that George White has several times seduced the said William's wife, from Biddenham, against the deponent's will, and has wandered about with her in several parishes. The deponent pursued the said White, and overtaking him demanded his wife, upon which he replied "You may take her home now but I will have her again dead or alive," and threatened the life of the deponent and to burn his house if he discovered to the wife of the said White his going away with deponent's wife.

Examination of Richard Taylor, mariner, aged about 43 years. 73

Deposes that he has used the sea ever since he was eight years old. That he knows not where he was born or whereof he is an inhabitant, but that he shipped himself on board the *Advice*, Capt. William Owen, commander. and sailed in her from the Thames to Gibraltar. That after he had served six years as a foremastman in the said ship, he was paid off at Queenborough. That in August, 1728, he shipped on board the *Betty* galley, Capt. Pitts, of Weymouth, commander, and sailed in her from the Thames to Papas, on the coast of Guinea, where they stayed three weeks and then sailed to Jamaica with negroes. That in their return from Jamaica to England they were taken by pirates at the Azores, and being put into their boats by the pirates were taken up at sea by the *Ann* galley, Capt. Johnson, commander, who brought them to Whitehaven in August last, where he met with his wife Alice who now travels about with him, and that he has begged, and she has got her livelihood by fiddling for four months past.

Certificate by Sir William Smith, knight, John Cater, and Thomas Armstrong, Esquires, Justices of the Peace for the County of Bedford, that they have contracted with Jonathan Forward, of London, merchant, for the transportation of Mary Hunt, Mary Lawson, and Thomas Radwell. 86

1731.

April, October. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of the Queen's Own Royal Regiment of Horse from Dunstable to Newport Pagnel. 3—6 and 28—37

31st May. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of a troop of Horse belonging to Viscount Cobham's Regiment from Bedford to Northampton. 8

9 and 21—24 June. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of part of the Queen's Own Royal Regiment of Horse, commanded by the Duke of Argyll, from Dunstable to Barnet.

10—12 4th July. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of various troops of the King's Horse from Dunstable to Barnet.

13—16, 18—20 July. **Warrant** for the conveyance of various troops of Viscount Cobham's Regiment of Horse from Dunstable to St. Albans.

17 5th July. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of a troop of the same regiment from Bedford to Dunstable.

38, 40—43 1st November. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of various troops of the same regiment from Dunstable to Stony Stratford.

39 and 50—53 November. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of various troops of the same regiment from Dunstable to Newport Pagnel.

44—49 November. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of various troops of Horse from Dunstable to Newport Pagnel.

54 10th December. **Warrant** to the gaoler of the County Gaol to carry Thomas Radwell—convicted of felony within benefit of clergy and ordered to be transported to the Colonies and Plantations in America for seven years—to Jonathan Forward, of London, merchant, who has contracted for his transportation.

55 10th December. Like **warrant** to carry Mary Hunt and Mary Lawson to the said Jonathan Forward.

80 14th December. **Bond** by Jonathan Forward, of London, merchant, in 120 *li.* to————Mallett. Reciting that at the last Assizes Sir William Smith, John Cater, Esquire, and Thomas Armstrong, Justices of the Peace, were appointed by the Court to contract with any person or persons for the effectual transportation of Thomas Radwell, Mary Lawson, and Mary Hunt to some of the King's Colonies and Plantations in America, the said Thomas Radwell for seven years, and the said Mary Lawson and Mary Hunt for 14 years. The said convicts are, according to a contract made between the said Justices of the Peace and Jonathan Forward, of London, merchant, transferred and made over to the use of the said Jonathan Forward or his assigns for the said terms of seven and fourteen years upon his contracting to perform the said transportation. The condition of this bond therefore, is, that if the said Jonathan Forward or his assigns shall take and receive from the gaol of the County of Bedford the said persons ordered to be transported, and put them on shipboard and transport them out of Great Britain within the space of one month next, and as soon as conveniently may be deliver and land them (death and casualties of the sea excepted (at and upon some of His Majesty's Colonies in

America, and present an authentic certificate or certificates from the Governor or chief Custom House Officer of their landing, to the said Sir William Smith, John Cater, and Thomas Armstrong, or to any two of them, and if the said Jonathan Forward or his assigns shall not by his or their wilful neglect suffer any of them to return into any part of Great Britain or Ireland during their respective terms, or if the said Jonathan Forward shall pay to the said————Mallett the sum of ....pounds for every one of the said convicts who shall return into Great Britain or Ireland, then this bond shall be void.

30th April. **Examination** of Peter Jones, apprehended in the parish of Knotting for begging and wandering. 86

He deposes that he was born at Leghorn in Italy, and is now about 37 years of age. That when he was about seven years of age he went from Leghorn to Malaga, where he stayed five years, and then went on board a merchant ship belonging to the port of Leghorn. That he went to Portugal being about 16 years of age. That at Lisbon he was pressed into the English service and went on board an English man-of-war, and has ever since been in the said service, either as a soldier or a mariner on board the said man-of-war and a merchant ship, and that about a fortnight ago he landed at Portsmouth.

Being asked if he could speak Italian, and being required to render some plain and easy English words into the Italian tongue, he declared that he did not understand Italian, except that he knew about 100 Italian words, but cannot tell what they signify in English although he can talk English very well.

14th January. Henry Staines' **Bill** for the charges of Mary Barton, a vagrant, who died of the small-pox at Brumham in December last, 1730. 98

	s.	d
For 14 days' board of the nurse nursing her and washing up the linen.....	7	0
For the vagrant's board and lodging and firing in her room.....	7	6
For soap and firing for washing the linen...	1	6

14th January. **Bill of charges** of the constable of Brumham for Mary Barton, a vagrant, who died of the small-pox at Brumham in December, 1730. 100

	s.	d.
For 14 days' hire of a nurse for the said Mary Barton ..	13	0
Paid midwife for laying her	5	0
For necessaries at her lying-in, and beer and sugar and other things with cordial	10	0
Her coffin	8	0
Parish dues	2	6
Affidavit	1	0
Hiring men for carrying her to the grave	6	0
Beer at the funeral	4	0
Paid two women for laying her out when dead.....	2	0
	£2 11	6

Bill of charges of the said constable for a child of the said Mary Barton.

	£	s.	d.
For a woman nursing the child 14 days, and for eating	1	0	0
Paid a woman for laying out the child		1	0
Coffin		4	0
Parish dues		2	6
Affidavit		1	0
	£1	8	6

106 29th April. **Bill of the Coroner** of the County for taking an inquisition on the body of Thomas Lett, 13s. 4d.

1732.

4, 8 March. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of various troops of Horse of Viscount Cobham's Regiment from Bedford to Northampton.

12, 14 August. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of various troops of the same regiment from Bedford to Royston.

13, 16, 17, 18 August. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of various troops of the same regiment from Dunstable to Hertford.

15 28th August. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of Capt. Madan's troop of Horse in the same regiment from Biggleswade to Barkway.

20, 21, 23 October. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of a troop of the Duke of Bolton's Regiment from Dunstable to Newport Pagnel.

24, 25 5th October. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of a troop of the King's Regiment of Horse Guards from Bedford to Northampton.

26, 27 6th October. **Warrants** for the conveyance of two troops of the Duke of Bolton's Regiment of Horse from Luton to Bedford.

28 7th October. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of a troop of Viscount Cobham's Regiment of Horse from Bedford to Baldock.

29 9th October. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of a troop of the same regiment from Bedford to Hitchin.

60 25th October. **Recognizance** of Savage Elderton, of Husborn Crawley, gentleman, for his appearance to answer for keeping a gun and two spaniel dogs for the destruction of game, he not being qualified, as it is apprehended, according to law.

18th September. **Information** of William Osborne, of Wilshamstead. 66
That Mr. John Gardener, of Wilshamstead, on the 4th of September last hired the informant at statute sessions, in the parish of Hawnes, to serve him in the business of husbandry for a twelvemonth from Michaelmas next; to confirm which hiring he, the said Gardener gave to the informant one shilling as earnest, but on the 13th September the informant went to the said Mr. Gardener and desired him to take back his earnest which he promised to do if the informant would bring it that day or the next. On the evening of Wednesday the informant brought the said money to the said Gardener, who not only refused to take it but also assaulted the said informant.

24th November. **Receipt** for 4 *li.* from Mr. Cawne, under-sheriff of the County of Bedford, being exhibition money due from the said County for the poor prisoners of the King's Bench and Marshalsea for two years, ending on the 24th day of June last. 98

13th July. **Petition** of Nat. Caustin, a prisoner for debt, praying to be allowed the County bread. 101[a]

Like **Petition** of William Kilby. 101[b]

19th April. **A register** of the lands, tenements, &c., of George Heneage, of Hainton, in the County of Lincoln, in the County of Bedford. 116

A messuage or tenement in the parish of St. Paul, in the town of Bedford, in the possession of Christopher Ruth as tenant at will, at the rent of 12 *li.*

The tithes of the parish of Goldington and a parcel of land in the same parish, in the tenure of James Whiffin as tenant at will, at the rent of 102 *li.*

A messuage or farm called Newnham, in the parishes of Goldington and St. Cuthbert, in the tenure of Thomas de Faldo as tenant at will, at the rent of 80 *li.*

A water-mill and a wind-mill with the land and appurtenances belonging in the parishes of Goldington and St. Cuthbert, or one of them in the tenure of Thomas Brown as tenant at will, at the rent of 20 *li.*

1733.

6th March. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of a troop of Horse of the Duke of Bolton's Regiment from Bedford to Olney. 3

30th May. **Recognizance** of Thomas Langhorne and Andrew Cooper, churchwarden and overseer of Ampthill, to prosecute Mary Coates and Samuel, her husband, for harbouring Mary Saunders and her bastard child, and for their procuring the said Mary's escape. 26

1734.

2 19th April. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of a troop of the Queen's Own Royal Regiment of Horse from Dunstable to Newport Pagnel.

3, 13 May. Like **warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of a company of Col. Thomas Howard's Regiment from Dunstable to Redbourn.

4, 5, 6 May. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of a company of the same regiment from Dunstable to Woburn.

7, 8 20th May. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of two companies of the same regiment from Dunstable to Hitchin.

10, 20 July. **Carriage warrants** for two companies of the same regiment from Woburn to Dunstable.

11 16th July. Like **warrant** for a company of the same regiment from Luton to Dunstable.

14 23rd August. Like **warrant** for a company of the same regiment from Dunstable to Leighton Buzzard.

15, 16 29th August. Like **warrant** for a troop of the King's Royal Regiment of Horse Guards, commanded by Capt. Jenkinson, from Dunstable to St. Alban's.

17, 24—27 Like **warrant** for a troop of the Duke of Argyll's Royal Regiment of Horse Guards from Dunstable to St. Albans.

22 12th November. Like **warrant** for a troop of the same regiment from Dunstable to Hatfield.

23 13th November. Like **warrant** for a troop of the same regiment from Dunstable to Redbourn on their march to St. Albans, Ware, Hertford, Hoddesden, and Redbourn.

28, 30, 31, 32 November. Like **warrants** for part of the King's Royal Regiment of Horse Guards from Dunstable to Hertford.

58 3rd December. **Bond** by Jonathan Forward for the performance of a contract to transport Fairfax Rushfield, James Hall, Daniel Piggott, John Read, and William Bonner, convicted of felony, to some of the King's Colonies or Plantations in America.

61 9th December. **Certificate** by John Cater, Thomas Armstrong, Dennis Farrar, and Humphrey Monoux, Esquires, that they have contracted with Johnathan Forward for the transportation of the above-named convicts.

1735.

15th March. **Carriage warrant** for the Honourable Thomas Howard's Regiment of Foot from Leighton Buzzard to Winslow. 6

15th March. Like **warrant** for a company of the same regiment from Luton to Dunstable. 7

15th March. Like **warrant** for a company of the same regiment from Dunstable to Tame. 8

15th March. Like **warrant** for Major Albutton and Captain Borough's companies from their present quarters at Woburn for one day's march. 9

17th March. Like **warrant** for a company of foot from Ampthill to Dunstable. 10

17th March. Like **warrant** for a company of Col. Thomas Howards' Regiment of Foot from Market Street to Wendover. 11

18th March. Like **warrant** for a company of soldiers from Dunstable to Wendover. 12, 14, 15

27th March. Like **warrant** for a troop of the regiment commanded by the Earl of Pembroke from Leighton Buzzard to Stony Stratford. 16, 17

March. Like **warrants** for various troops of the same regiment from Dunstable to Stony Stratford. 18—22

11th October. Like **warrants** for two troops of Lieut.-Gen. William Evans' Regiment from Dunstable to Hertford. 29, 30

November. Like **warrants** for three troops of the same regiment from Dunstable to Stony Stratford. 32—34

23rd April. **Recognizance** of Thomas Sands, late constable of Ampthill, for his appearance to answer for refusing to execute a warrant from Lord Fitz William and Thomas Armstrong, Esquire, to make a private search for rogues, vagrants, and sturdy beggars. 50

1736.

26th January. **Carriage warrant** for part of the Regiment of Foot commanded by Lieut.-Gen. William Tatton, from Dunstable to St. Albans, in their march from Birmingham to the coast of Kent. 4

February, March. Like **warrant** for a troop of the Earl of Pembroke's Regiment of Horse from Ampthill to Dunstable. 8, 26

March. Like **warrant** for a troop of the same regiment from Bedford to Luton. 9, 18

10, 13, 16 March. Like **warrant** for a troop of the same regiment from Leighton to Berkhampstead.

11 22nd March. Like **warrant** for a troop of the same regiment from Dunstable to Chesham.

12 23rd March. Like **warrant** for a troop of the same regiment from Bedford to Ampthill.

14, 15 24th March. Like **warrants** for two troops of the same regiment from Luton to Hatfield.

19, 20 27th March. Like **warrants** for two troops of the same regiment from Luton to Hertford.

21—25 March. Like **warrants** for various troops of the same regiment from Dunstable to St. Albans.

27, 28, 34, 35, 36, 37, 41, 42 March, April. Like **warrants** for various troops of the Duke of Argyll's Regiment from Dunstable to Stony Stratford.

29—32 March, April. Like **warrants** for various troops of the same regiment from Luton to Woburn.

33, 38 March, April. Like **warrants** for various troops of the same regiment from Woburn to Stony Stratford.

39, 40 2nd April. Like **warrants** for two troops of the same regiment from Leighton to Stony Stratford.

43, 44 7th April. Like **warrants** for two troops of the same regiment from Hockliffe to Stony Stratford.

45 8th April. Like **warrant** for two troops of Charles Lord Cadogan's Regiment from Dunstable to Stevenage.

46 9th April. Like **warrant** for one troop of the same regiment from Woburn to Dunstable.

47—49 April. Like **warrants** for three troops of the same regiment from Dunstable to Hertford.

51—58 26th April. Like **warrants** for various companies of Lieut.-Gen. Tatton's Regiment of Foot from Dunstable to St. Albans.

63 12th May. **Bond** by Jonathan Forward, of London, merchant, for the performance of a contract to transport to some of the King's Colonies or Plantations in America, Thomas Johnson convicted of felony.

77 The like, amongst others William Whitbread, the younger, of Eversholt,

Calendar of prisoners in the County Gaol :— 82

Edward Bright, convicted of felony within benefit of clergy, was burnt in the hand and ordered to be discharged on paying his fees.

Miles Mamme, convicted of an assault upon Mary Smith, spinster, with intent to ravish her, was fined five marks and to remain without bail or mainprise for 12 months, after which he is to find sureties for his good behaviour for three years.

13th January. **Recognizance** of Thomas Hyde, barber, Nathaniel Atterton, victualler, and Jonathan Halsey, victualler, all of Biggleswade, for their appearance to answer for fishing in the several fishery of John Lord Carteret. 83

Certificate by Thomas Armstrong, Dennis Farrer, Humphrey Monoux, and William Aspin, Esquires, Justices of the Peace, that they have contracted with Jonathan Forward, of London, merchant, for the transportation of Thomas Johnson, a convict. 97

11th February. **A bill of charges** of William Stevens, gaoler, for carrying Richard Paddock to London in order to his transportation. 103

	£	s.	d.
For three men and three horses as a guard	3	3	0
One night's charges upon the road and other charges...	1	1	0
For waiting upon the Clerk of the Assize, coach hire, water carriage, and charges in London.....	1	11	0
Charges down	0	15	0
For my own trouble	2	2	0
Paid the wagoner	0	7	6
	£8	19	6

1737.

22nd March. **Carriage warrant** for two troops of Lieut.-Gen. William Evan's Regiment from Dunstable to Chesham. 5

22nd March. Like **warrant** for three troops of the same regiment from Dunstable to St. Albans. 6

6th April. Like **warrants** for various troops of the Earl of Pembroke's Regiment from Dunstable to Newport Pagnel. 8—11

8th April. Like **warrant** for a troop of the same regiment from Dunstable to Stony Stratford. 12

38 **Calendar of prisoners** in the County Gaol :—

Hugh Montgomery, convicted of a misdemeanour in enticing and procuring one William Willis, a subject of His Majesty, to depart the kingdom and go to Potsdam in the kingdom of Prussia, with intent to enlist him in the service of the King of Prussia, being a foreign Prince; he is fined for the said offence five pounds and committed to the County Gaol there to remain without bail or mainprise for three months, and until he shall find sureties for his good behaviour for three years.

41 5th October. **A schedule** of the estate of John Willis, of Great Barford, yeoman, a prisoner for debt.

Due from Hugh Montgomery, of Bedford, 2 *li.* by money lent; witness and voucher thereof, William Willis, now in Prussia.

57 12th January. **Certificate** by William Willsher that the dwelling house with the appurtenances of William Gould, of Hockliffe, in the parish of Chalgrave, scrivener, is intended for a meeting place of Protestants dissenting from the Church of England.

60 20th April. Like **certificate** for the dwelling house of Thomas Willson, in the parish of Henlow, wheelwright.

69 **Prisoners bill for bread** from July 15th to October 3rd. The greatest number of prisoners at one time was ten, and the smallest, one; average, about seven.

74 12th January. **Bill of charges** due to William Stevens, gaoler: For removing Mick Wood to the transport 6 *li.* 6s. "For hot suppins* for William Sharman w^n^ not well, 2s."

79 **Indictment** of Thomas Barranger, of Bedford, tailor, for erecting two cottages at Kempston without laying four acres of land to each.

87 **Indictment** of John Olney, of the parish of King's Houghton, for laying in, upon, and over a certain rivulet or brook called Seywell Dryness Brook, otherwise called Cross Brook, in the said parish of King's Houghton, several large pieces of wood and timber whereby the common and usual course of the stream of the said rivulet or brook was stopped and obstructed, by which stoppage and obstruction the common footway, leading from the parish of King's Houghton aforesaid, to the parish of Tilsworth on the north-east part of the said rivulet or brook and near or thereto adjoining, was overflowed, and the meadows, pastures and commonable places near the said brook in the parish of King's Houghton were entirely overflowed and drowned.

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* Suppings :—Spoonmeat. "Suppynge for a sicke man," *Palsgrave.* Halliwell Phillipps' Dictionary.

1738.

Fragment of an **order** for the repair of a highway; the name of the parish is gone. 9

10th April. A **schedule** of the real and personal estate of Clement Halsey, of Bedford, brewer, now a prisoner for debt in the County Gaol. 16

Sums due to him from, amongst others, the following persons :—

——————————Walker, of Bedford, brewer, on bond for goods 12 *li.*, and for goods left in his hands 1 *li.* 14s. 6d.; ——————— Underwood, of Maulden, Edward Goodhall, of Gravenhurst, Dr. Joseph Godfrey, of Sharnbrook, for three years' rent due at Lady-day last 15 *li.*, "but I have received out of the said sum three guineas"; John Russell, of Bedford, by his child's schooling 15s., and by the use of my cart all the harvest 10s. 6d.

An **inventory** of the household goods of the said Clement Halsey. 16a

26th April. **Recognizance** of John Bundy, of Fenlake, in the Parish of Cardington, farmer, William Urin, of Cardington aforesaid, farmer, and Henry Russell of the same, schoolmaster, for the appearance of the said Henry Russell to answer for assaulting Ann Collins, daughter of the Rev. Barwell Collins, vicar of Cardington. 19

7th November. **Examination** of John Fowler. He says he is now about two and fifty years of age and was born at Maulden. Upon his leaving Maulden, being unmarried, he let himself to Henry Hills of Wootton, a farmer, for about the space of half a year. From there he went to Kempston Hardwick and let himself to Robert Marrot, farmer, for one year, but his said master failing he lived but part of the said year with him and then returned home to his father at Maulden. At the statute fair at Clophill, upon his leaving his father the last time, he let himself to John Sams, of Clophill, farmer, for one year and lived with him the whole time, and upon quitting his service he returned again to his father's house in Maulden where he worked as a day labourer until he married his first wife Jane Wright, and then returned with his said wife to Clophill where they lived together till her decease, by which wife he had one son John now living. Immediately after the decease of his first wife he went again to Maulden, and there lived with his aunt Mary Stanton, widow, gardener, and did her business as a gardener for about fifteen years and carried out her goods to several markets and fairs, and she constantly paid him for his several days' work, and when he went to any market or fair she would sometimes pay him more and sometimes less according to the length and shortness of his journeys, and at all times when she allowed him but 10d. for one day's journey she also allowed him the whole expenses for every such day's journey, and when he was out on her business for any longer time then she allowed him more besides his said expenses; and when he worked for her in her own garden she then allowed him 10d. a day, and no more, and that he then paid for his own victuals, but 36

during the whole time he lay at her house he paid nothing for his lodging. During the time that he so lodged he rented a ground of one Thomas Underwood, a gardener, at 3 *li.* a year rent upon his own account, and occupied the ground as a gardener, and during the time he held the said ground he paid all parish duties for the same. After he quitted the said ground he took a house and ground in Maulden at 30s. a year, of one Mr. Bolding, bailiff to Lord Bruce, but never paid any parish duties for the said house or ground during the time he occupied the same. Upon his marrying his present wife Mary, about 9 or 10 years ago, he came to his own house in Clophill where he has lived ever since, and has two small children by his present wife born in Clophill. He further says he built the little house wherein he now lives upon the waste in Clophill at his own proper charges, but has not paid any parish duties to the parish of Clophill since he built the said house.

61 **Presentment** that such part of a common and highway as is in a certain place called Coblers Lane, in the parish of————, leading from the parish of Steppingley to the parish of Ridgmont, is out of repair.

62 **Indictment** of William Parker, of Bedford, grocer, for exercising the trade of a butcher, "being an art, mystery, or manual occupation," without being apprenticed thereto for seven years.

1739.

6 5th May. **Carriage warrant** for a detachment of Lord Mark Ker's Regiment of Dragoons from Biggleswade to Huntingdon.

12 6th October. **A list** of the gentlemen that have estates in Eaton Socon and not residing there, and also others of 10 *li.* a year inhabiting in Eaton Socon. :—

His Grace, John, Duke of Bedford; John Bigg, of Graffham, in the County of Huntingdon, Esquire; Joseph Burch, of Brand, in the County of Suffolk; Capt. Merriday, of Hurtloe; John Knightly, of Churchbury, near Warwick, Esquire; Esquire Wyemott, of London; Robert Pulleyn, of "Snots" (? St. Neots), Esquire; James Hatley, of ————; Mr. John Trott, of————; Mr. William Hatley, of St. Ives; Esquire Thornhill, of Deddington, in the County of Huntingdon; Mr. John Turrell, of London; Mr Bowles, of London; Mr. Samuel Luke, of Potton; Mr. Caryer, of Potton; Dr. Quinton, of London; late Mr. Chadderdon, of Calton; Wyeman Lee, of London, Esquire; Mr. Lee, of Clifton; Mr. Godfrey, of London; Mr. Lewis Goodfellow, of London; Mr. Niclass and Mr. Hugs, of London; Mr. Walker, of Southill; Mr. Lenton, of Southill; William Metcalf, of Fordham Abbey, Esquire; Mr. Quidock, of London; Mr. Bugg, of London; Mr. Adam Hicks, of Oundle; Mr. Christopher Fox, of Deane; Mr. Mace, of————; Mr. Harding, of Kimbolton; Mr. Pashley, of late Esquire Hillersdon's; Mr. Heyworth, of Biggleswade; Mr. Kingston, of London.

4th October. A true and perfect **list** of the freeholders and copyholders of the parish of Roxton, qualified to serve on juries, according to the late statute. 24

William Medcalf, of Fordham Abbey, Esquire; Weyman Lee, of London, Esquire; Samuel Luke, of Potton, gentleman; ———— Haywood, of Biggleswade, gentleman; Thomas Ruse, of London, gentleman; John Wilson, senior, John Barnard, Joseph Robinson, sworn before William Becher.

11th June. **Recognizance** by John Fordham, of Potton, for his appearance to prosecute William and Thomas Cromp for endeavouring to dispatch his mastiff dog with a cleaver, and threatening to do the same with him. 30

9th July. **Recognizance** by James Cox and Vincent Ruffgan for the appearance of the said James Cox to answer a misdemeanour in sending away Samuel Circuit and Ann Haines, his servants, though he knew they were summoned to appear at the petty sessions at Northill, this day, to answer the complaint of the Rev. Mr. Betts, Vicar of Willington, for refusing to pay him the Easter offerings due to him by the custom of the said parish. 35

26th November. **Examination** of George Pierce. 46

Being charged with having in his possession a silver spoon, the property of the Duke of Kent, he owns that being last night relieved at the house of the said Duke he perceived the said silver spoon to stick to the dish in which victuals were brought to him, and then feloniously took and carried away the same.

Certificate by Cuthbert Sheldon, Justice of the Peace, that a certain lane called Cobler's Lane, lying in the several parishes of Eversholt, Ridgmont and Steppingley, being in the King's highway, is now in good repair. 50

Indictment of Edward Weekly, of Farndish, Husbandman, for ploughing, digging, and breaking up the highway in the parish of Farndish, in a certain place there called Rowbidge Field, being 30 poles in length and one pole in breadth. 80

Presentment that a certain common highway called Hangers Wood Lane, in the parish of Kempston, leading from the town of Stachden, otherwise Stagsden, to the town of Elstow, containing in length 200 yards or thereabouts, and in breadth eight yards or thereabouts, is out of repair, and that the inhabitants of Kempston ought to repair the same. 83

A fine of 20 *li.* imposed upon the inhabitants of Kempston if they do not repair the said highway before Michaelmas next.

90 **Indictment** of John White, of Biggleswade, blacksmith, for digging two large deep pits or holes of about five feet in depth and length against his dwelling house in a certain street called the High Street.

97 25th March. **Indenture** of apprenticeship (for two years) between Joseph Harris, son of Oliver Harris, of Clifton, and George Fennell of Southill, cordwainer. The said Fennell covenants to pay the said Harris 2s. 6d. weekly and to find him lodging and small beer.

1740.

28 9th June. List of persons apprehended in the parish of Studham, amongst others, Patrick Mackarthon committed to the house of correction at Bedford in order to his passing over the sea to Ireland.

35 16th February. **Recognizance** of William Astery, of Maulden, for his appearance to answer the complaint of John Browsall, his herdsman, for refusing to pay his wages.

48 20th October. **Recognizance** of Abraham Everett, of Barton, tailor, to answer for stealing a book, called, "A Preparation for Death," a wooden desk, and two wooden spoons, the goods of Thomas Kettle.

97 3rd July. **Depositions** of Thomas Walker, tailor. That this day at Woburn he saw a boy, one Joseph Barnes, about 14 years of age, playing at "a table with an index to it" with one Hannah Yarrow, being an unlawful game by which the said boy was defrauded of his money.

101 19th December. **Depositions** of Tobia Burk, a vagrant, aged 40 years. That his father, who was in the service of King William III. and Queen Anne, told deponent that he was born in Flanders. On the death of his father deponent was brought to London. That his father was a legal inhabitant of St. Cairns, within three miles of Burr, in King's County, Ireland. Deponent was left with his mother with his uncle in St. James', Clerkenwell, in the County of Middlesex, where he learnt to drive hackney coaches and to ride postillion. He afterwards lived with his present wife in a cellar, where he sold a spirituous liquor called gin, but an information being laid against him he went to his wife's friends in Lancashire. On hearing from his wife about three weeks ago that all matters were made up he started to return to London, but his money giving out he was forced to beg in the parish of Clophill, and was relieved by several of the parishioners. He was arrested in Campton. Deponent says he was never a hired servant by the year or bound apprentice to anyone.

102 1st April. **Fragment** of depositions as to riot at Biggleswade.

16th January. **Certificate** by the Justices of the peace to the Lord Chancellor, that it appears upon the petition of the minister, churchwardens, and principal inhabitants of the parish of Pulloxhill, that the parish church of Pulloxhill is by length of time become very ruinous and decayed, almost all the roof having some time since fallen down, and the chancel which remains covered is so small that it is not near sufficient to contain the inhabitants of Pulloxhill. It is also so ruinous in the foundation and walls that the same can no longer be supported but must be wholly taken down and re-built. The truth whereof was made known this day upon the oaths, as well as of the parishioners, as of Joseph Neal and John Heath, carpenters, and Thoroughgood Fan and Robert Wildman, masons, who have carefully viewed the said church and made an estimate of the charge of taking down what remains of the same and building a church there, which will amount to the sum of £1083 6s. and upwards, over, and besides the old materials, which said sum the said petitioners being unable to raise among themselves, almost all of whom being tenants at will, at rack rents, and the charge of maintaining their poor having of late years much increased, and having given satisfaction that they have to the utmost supported their said church, and that they must be destitute of a place of worship without the charitable contributions of well disposed persons, the justices recommend a grant of letters patent, to enable the said parishioners to receive contributions. 103

10th July. **Certificate** signed by Samuel Che . . . , John Cooper, S. Marsom, and Thomas Cooper, that a newly-erected house at Thorne, in the parish of King's Houghton, near the messuage of John Bunker, is intended to be used as a place of worship for Protestant dissenters. 111

10th January. **Estimate** for re-building Pulloxhill Church. Total cost, with the old materials, £1083 6s. 6d. 116

A Bill for bread delivered to the Bridewell for 14 days from 19th February to 26th May, 6s. 9d. 126
Marked :—" Allowed upon the late severity of the weather and dearness of provisions."

Indictment of Edward Walker, of Leighton Buzzard, innholder, for obstructing a certain highway in Leighton Buzzard. The document is faded. 154

The thirty-nine Articles subscribed by S. Marsom. 155

1741.

February. **Warrants** for the conveyance of the baggage of certain troops of the Queen's Royal Regiment, commanded by the Duke of Montague, from Dunstable to Stony Stratford. 13 and 14

17 12th February. **Warrant** for the conveyance of the baggage of certain troops of the regiment commanded by General Wade, from Dunstable to St. Alban's.

49 **Gaol Calendar.** Francis Chapman, condemned to be hanged 1st August; Garrick Taylor, convicted of grand larceny, and sentenced to transportation for seven years.

103 18th March. **Examination** of Elizabeth Peircy, widow, vagrant. She is the widow of William Peircy, who was a soldier about 22 years, and was an out-pensioner of Chelsea Hospital, and died in St. Thomas' Hospital about two months since.

134 **Indictment** of John Copland, of Wooton, for depasturing sheep and doing damage upon a piece of land called Wood End Green, in the parish of Wooton, being the separate common of the several cottagers within the said parish, and indictment of others for rescuing the said sheep when being driven to the pound.

135 and 136 **Indictment** of Anne Sinker, wife of Joseph Sinker, of Heath and Reach, labourer, for procuring one Robert Carey, of Wooton, grocer, to counterfeit a letter in the name of John Fanch, of Heath and Reach, shepherd, to Phœbe Yard, of Heath and Reach, and thereby fraundently obtaining money from the said Phœbe.

145 **Indictment** of Thomas Serjeant for rescuing certain sheep found doing damage in a field called Lynch Furlong, in the parish of Milton Ernest, in the occupation of John Sturges, and which were being driven to the pound.

1742.

20 **Gaol Calendar,** Edmond Bate, charged with stealing one beehive.

William Hipwell, committed by Talbot Williamson, Esq., being an evidence against Jeremiah Chance, and Sacheverell, Houghton, for high treason; to remain in gaol till discharged by due course of law.

21 **Gaol Calendar,** Walton, William Ramsden, and Sarah Ashwell, ordered for transportation to some of His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in America for 14 years.

37 11th March. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Robert Matthews, of Dunstable, to prosecute Samuel Bitchenoe for stealing a turkey.

90 **Indictment** of William Pell and James Bower, overseers of the poor of Ampthill, for forcibly removing Edward Randall into the pest-house at Ampthill where the small-pox of a malignant nature was then raging, they well knowing the said Edward not to be infected with the same.

1743.

9th September. **Examination** of Joshua Knight, late a labourer of Potesgrave, now in Cornwall's Regiment of Marine. He deposes that some time before Michaelmas last he was hired as a servant in husbandry at Luton Market, by John Man, of Potesgrave, yeoman, to Michaelmas following, at the wage of £3 15s. for the year, but he was discharged on 9th April last and has received but 19s. 4d. of his wages. 64

30th March. **Account** of Thomas Richardson, keeper of the county gaol. 83

For the carriage of five prisoners to be transported at £4 per man—£20.

Presentment of Henry Wagstaff, of the parish of Wilden, yeoman, and the rest of the parishioners of Wilden, for permitting the highway at a place called Gripe's Hole, leading from the town of Harrild to the town of Biggleswade for the space of 10 perches to fall into decay. 103

Indictment of Robert Fulfer of Cople, yeoman, for rescuing two cows the goods of the said Robert which were found trespassing on 1st July, upon the common fields and commonable places within the parish of Cople and were being driven to the pound. 109

1744.

Warrant to arrest Samuel Sole of Millow, in the parish of Dunton, labourer, and cause him to find sureties for his appearance to answer for exercising the trade of a blacksmith without having been apprenticed for seven years. 2

Gaol Calendar, Lawrence Leach and James Linney ordered to remain at the last assizes for the murder of Thomas Armsden when a prisoner. 9

Indictment of Thomas Watford for rescuing certain sheep found trespassing upon a piece of ground called the Lammas Pightle, in the parish of Keysoe, belonging to John Barber, which were being driven to the pound. 60

1745.

Jury Panels. The following amongst other names appear — James Hawkins of Leighton Buzzard, also (2a) Robert Carey of Woburn, George Hawkins of Luton, Thomas Gascoigne of Bromham, and (2b) William Whitbread of Eversholt, Ambrose Whitbread of the same, and William Devereaux of Potton. 1a and 2a.

17th July, 1745. **Sacrament Certificate** for John, Duke of Bedford. 20 and 20a.

22nd September. The same for Henry Pye of Knotting. 21

48 **Indictment** that forty sheep belonging to John Wright of Carleton, were found trespassing and doing damage upon the Common field and commonable places within the Parish of Chellington, and driven to the pound at Chellington, and that the said John Wright broke open the pound and took away his said sheep. See also 1749, No. 61.

1746.

20 28th January. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Thomas Hurst, of Arlesey, to answer for defrauding Edward Cousens for paying him a gilt shilling instead of a guinea.

37 9th April. **Oath** subscribed by Cuthbert Sheldon that he is qualified to act as a justice of the peace.

54 **Account** of Thomas Richardson keeper of the County Gaol. For transporting Abraham Sanders, £6.

69 **Indictment** of Thomas Hurst for tendering a gilt shilling in payment to Edward Cousens instead of a guinea.

1747.

9 **Jury Panel** for the Body of the County, amongst the Jury being Edmund Botsford of Woburn, William Whitbread of Eversholt, Ambrose Whitbread of the same, Henry Daniel of Dunstable, John Bumberry of Potton, John Emery of Ravensden, Edward Emery of Willington.

14 7th April. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Thomas Dunscombe, otherwise Thomas Tea, otherwise Tea Tom.

1748.

38 **Oath Roll** signed by Joe Whitbread.

40 10th January. **Certificate** that a house in the possession of Daniel Brown in Luton is proper and convenient for the meeting of a sect of Protestant Dissenters called Quakers. Signed by John Freeth, Daniel Brown, Joseph Brown, and Richard Brown, Quakers.

41 5th March. **Like Certificate** as to the house of William Brown in the Parish of Sundon for the meeting of Protestant Dissenters. Signed, John Fowler and Kingston Fowler.

45 Christmas Sessions. **A bill of moneys** expended by Thomas Richardson, gaoler of Bedford Gaol, for removing George Emery to the Savey in order for "Jibraltor" £6 0s. 6d.

56 14th July. **Expenses for transporting** Sarah Neale ... £7 6s. 0d.

12th November. **Petition** of John Prudden of Luton who was a fugutive for debt in the Isle of "Berbuda" in the West Indies, and returned and surrendered himself a prisoner to the keeper of the gaol for the County of Bedford, prays for relief under the Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors. 61

11th January. **Indictment** of Joseph Carter, grocer of Markyate Street, contractor for the conveyance and maintenance of rogues and vagabonds, on the information of William Blow, of Markett Street, in the County of Bedford, peruke maker, that the said Joseph received into his custody one Mark Proudfoot to be conveyed from Markyate Street, to Little Brickhill on his way to Ireland, and permitted the said Mark to go by himself at large and allowed him to beg from door to door whereby he the said Joseph has forfeited £20 the moiety whereof should be paid to the said William Blow as informer. 91

13th July. **Presentment** by Philip Yorke that from a time whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary there was an ancient King's highway commonly called Caynoe Lane, in the Parish of Clophill, in the County of Bedford, leading from the town of Ampthill to the town of Shefford, and a certain part of the way in length 92 feet and in breadth 18 feet is in a ruinous state for want of repair, and the inhabitants of the Parish of Clophill ought to repair the same. 93

5th October. **Certificate** by Philip Birt that the said road is well and sufficiently repaired. 96

1749.

Oath Roll signed by Francis Hawkins and others. 39

6th April. **For transporting** John Rattley £6 0s. 0d. 43
Similar items constantly occur.

[October]. **Moneys laid out for the County Gaol—** 50

For a cart and two lines to whip Elizabeth Hill and Mary Brin	5s.	0d.
Paid the Whipper	7s.	6d.

Petition of Alexandra Skinner of Over Dean, in the County of Bedford, a prisoner for debt in the County Gaol, that having been in prison a great while, during which he has been supported by his friends and relatives, but they are no longer able to assist him, he therefore prays for a share of the prison bread. 55

Indictment of Elizabeth Hill, of Ampthill, for the theft of a piece of silver called a silver boat, valued 10d., the property of Edward Harvey, clerk. The same Elizabeth also indicted for the theft of cups, &c. (No. 63). 59

62 **Indictment** of Mary, the wife of John Brin, of Flitwick, for the theft of three pounds of bacon value 10d.

71—8 **Papers** relating to proposals for the conveyance of vagrants.

76 **Orders** for the destruction of cattle infected with the plague.

1750.

50 **Smith's work at the County Gaol—**

A large staple lined for the condemned room	...	6d.
A large staple for the dungeon door...	... ...	6d.

57 **Account for repairs** to Eaton Socon Bridge.

80 **Presentment** that the last arch at the East end of Bromham Bridge requires repair.

1751.

42 27th September. **Ale-house Recognizances,** giving the names of the various Inns in the Town of Bedford and elsewhere, viz. :—The Boat, the Wheatsheaf, the Chequer, the Blue Lion, the Dolphin, the Rose, the Sun, The Green Dragon, The Bakers Arms, the Sun in St. Pauls, the Castle, the Crown and Thistle, the Bachelors Arms, the Horse-shoe, the Bull, the Cock, the "Flower de Luce," the Duke of Cumberland's Head, The Saracen's Head, the Christopher, the Globe, the Golden Pot, the Cherry Tree, the Rose and Crown, Horse and Hound, The Crown, the Bell, the Ship, the Ragged Staff in St. Paul's, the Cross Keys, the Bell and Swan, the Chequer in St. John's, the Saddle, the Angel in Cawdwell Street, the White Lion, the Red Lion, the Star, the George, the Crow, the Boat, the Bear, the Fox, the Royal Oak, the Nag's Head, the Black Swan, the White Hart, the Falcon, the Old Nags Head, the Blue Bell, the Spread Eagle, the Swan, the Currier's Arms, the White Hart, the King's Arms, the Sergeant's ? Head, the Maiden Head, the Rugged Staff, the Golden Lion, the Chequers in St. Mary's, the "Flower de Lis" in St. Paul's, the Unicorn, the White Horse, the Three Tuns, the Red Lion in St. Paul's, the Boy and Oar, and the Robin Hood.

89 and 90 18th July. **Expenses** of having James Bolls whipped

at the carts tail—For the horse and cart ...		2s.	6d.
For the man whipping of him		2s.	6d.
For a man leading the horse...			6d.
Like expenses for whipping Henry Potter, at Ampthill —The attendance of Edmund Bourke	£1	1s.	0d.
Transporting John Phillips	£6	0s.	0d.
For charges and attending to have Catherine Smith whipped at Dunstable	£1	10s.	0d.
For charges and attending to have William Cooper whipped at Ampthill	£1	0s.	0d.

Indictment of Richard Chamberlain and John Christmas for uttering base coin of the Kingdom of Portugal. 95

The thirty-nine Articles signed by William Hills and William Knowles. 121

1752.

March. **Account for whipping** John Yoxon, at Ampthill, and for transporting John Goodman, John Dawes, Henry Barker, George Ward, John Langley, and Ann Bailey £32 5s. 0d. 41

Account for repairs to Eaton Socon Bridge. 42a.

Account for repairs to St. Neots Bridge. 43f. and g.

Petition of William Ashbolt, prisoner in Bedford Gaol, for bread, that he is in a starving condition not having had enough to subsist upon except by the kindness of the gaoler. 49b.

Petition of the inhabitants of Leighton, to the Justices of the Peace, pointing out the disadvantages of the prohibition of fairs and markets for horned cattle made at the last Quarter Sessions, because when fairs and markets are held at the end of the town in another County distempered cattle may be brought thither in defiance of any measure, and that the hair market was very nearly being removed to Aylesbury and Windslow in the County of Bucks. 51

Indictment of Robert Adams for cutting wood in Kings Wood in the Hamlet of Heath and Reach. 52

Indictment of William Knight of Luton for wilful and corrupt perjury. 56

Indictment of the inhabitants of the Parish of Melchbourn for not repairing the highway called Court Lane otherwise Clay Furlong Lane in the Parish of Melchbourn, from Melchborn to Skelton, 10 perches in length 8 yards in breadth of which is out of repair. 57

1753.

8th March. **Recognizance** of William Syers and John Bitchino not from henceforth keeping a dicing table or use or exercise any unlawful game contrary to the Statute 33 Henry VIII, entitled "The Bill for the maintaining Artillery and the debarring of unlawful games." 20

25th April. **Recognizance** of George Cooper, of Elstow, and John Wells for their appearance to give evidence against Elizabeth Cooper for her eloping from her family in the Parish of Elstow, and for embezzling the goods of her husband. 21

A bill for masons work on Bromham Bridge. 59

68 **Bill** for repair of Barford Bridge.

87 **Indictment** of Elizabeth Jones, of Chalgrave, for stealing a Leghorne hat and scarlet cloak.

91a. **Presentment** that Barford Bridge ought to be repaired by the County.

92 **Presentment** that the ditch and footway in Mill Lane in the Town of Bedford is in a dangerous condition.

1754.

36a. **Ale-house licenses** for the town of Bedford, giving the names of all Inns and Taverns there.

49 19th December. **Recognizance** by Edward Rust of Maulden, labourer, and others, for the appearance of the same Edward to plead to an indictment for unlawfully exercising the art, mistery, or manual occupation of a baker, not having served a legal apprenticeship thereto.

79 **Account** of " leg locks " supplied to the Bridewell.

80 **Account of the Gaoler**—For conveying away John Sandy, William Smith, and William Acton for transportation ... ... £15 0s. 0d.

95 28th September. **Account of the Gaoler of the County Gaol**—For conveying away six men for transportation ... ... £28 5s. 0d.

110 **Indictment** of William Juggins for perjury

113 **Indictment** of Robert Newton for using the art, mystery, or manual occupation of a barber without having been apprenticed thereto.

1755.

53 **Expenses** of erecting a windmill and ventilators with all the apparatus necessary for ventilating the County Gaol.

65 **Estimate** for the repair of Stafford Bridge, Bedford.

93b. **Indictment** of Thomas Harborough, of Maulden, for diverting a water-course, thereby damaging a footway from Greenfield, in the Parish of Pulloxhill, to Ampthill.

95 **Declaration** by John Wilkes of his qualification to act as a Justice of the Peace for the County of Bedford.

1756.

To the Jury on viewing the body of Thomas Whiteman, the highwayman ... ... 2s. 0d. — 27

To the Northampton Mercury for inserting advertisements relating to vagrants ... ... 6s. 6d. — 40

Account of repairs to the Great Bridge at Eaton Socon in Bedfordshire. — 44

Account of transporting of George Lawson, John Wiltshire, and John Bunyan, and William Mead, at £4 per man ... ... £16 0s. 0d. — 49

Account for repairs of St. Neots Bridge. — 50

Charge of having Robert Hatton and John Sanders whipped at the carts ass (*sic*) according to the order of the Court— — 53

Horse and cart	5s. 0d.
Beadle	5s. 0d.

To the same a second time whipping of Hatton—

Horse and cart	5s. 0d.
To the Beadle	2s. 6d.
To assistance	2s. 0d.

Record of the conviction of John Wheeler, of Harlington for swearing thirty profane oaths. — 94

Report upon the demand sent in by the representatives of William Goldsmith, late Clerk of the Peace, for charges on behalf of the County by which it appears that the office of Clerk of the Peace was worth yearly from fees and perquisites £140, and from salary usually allowed by the County £10. — 97

Deposition of Martha Crutchley, widow, that before Michaelmas, 1754, "she let herself as a hired servant to John Walker, of Wilden, in the County of Bedford, labourer, for one whole year," and she cannot obtain her wages. — 99

Orders as to remuneration of the Clerk of the Peace. — 101

1757.

Michaelmas Sessions. **Order** that a 6d. rate be granted to the surveyors of the highways within the parish of St. Cuthbert, in the town of Bedford, towards repairing the highways in the said parish, the usual and ordinary duty not being sufficient to repair the same. — 7

19th September. **List** of alehouse keepers in the town of Bedford to the number of 60. — 31

1758.

6 19th June. **Record** of the conviction of Jonathan Chapman, of Luton, for swearing five oaths and of Richard Twigg, of Luton, for swearing two oaths.

34 28th July. **Certificate** of qualification of Robert Henry Ongley, as a deputy lieutenant of the County of Bedford. He has certain lands in the parish of Southill of the yearly value of £400 and upwards.

67—85 **Bills** for repairs to St. Neots bridge.

107 **Presentment** that there is a certain common and ancient highway leading from the village of Litlington to the village of Wooton, and that a certain part of the said highway called Marston Lane, in the parish of Marston Moreton, containing in length one furlong (more or less), and also a certain other part of the said highway in the said parish of Marston Moreton, from the end of the said lane to a house called by the name or sign of the Horse Shoes, containing in length one furlong (more or less), are out of repair, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Marston Moreton, ought to repair the same.

111 **Indictment** of John Thompson, in the parish of St. Peter Martin, otherwise St. Peter in the Fields, in the town of Bedford, labourer, for exercising the trade of a shoemaker without having been apprenticed thereto for seven years.

112 **Indictment** of John Bull, of the parish of St. Paul, in the town of Bedford, yeoman, for exercising the trade of a tailor without having been apprenticed thereto for seven years.

1759.

50 1st October. **Certificate** by George Francher and William Vowell stating that whereas in the year 1752 the chapel situate in the parish of St. Peter, in the town of Bedford, was registered in the archdeacon's court of the said town as a place appointed for the religious use of protestant subjects, known by the name of Unitas Fratrum; and whereas a large room has since been built adjoining the said chapel on the east side in the minister's house on the second storey, the said room is now appointed solely for religious uses and as a vestry room to the said chapel.

66 **Indictment** of Sarah Lightfoot and James Lightfoot for stealing in the parish of St. Paul, in the town of Bedford, a parcel of sea coals of the value of 3d., the goods of the Duke of Bedford.

67 **Indictment** of Jonathan Quime, of the parish of Maulden, labourer, master of the workhouse of the said parish, for neglecting to provide sufficient sustenance and firing for William Carter, an infant at the age of 18 months; for permitting William Carter, the elder, labourer, then suffering from violent sickness to lie in the said workhouse on straw and without covering and sufficient relief, and for placing in two rooms of the said workhouse several men, women, and children, promiscuously to the number of 18 at least, being the poor of Maulden, to the great peril of their health.

1760.

16th July. **Presentment** that Stafford Bridge, a county bridge, is out of repair, and ought to be repaired at the charge of the county. 43

16th July. **Presentment** that the highway in the parish of Tuddington, which leads from the north end of the town of Tuddington to the parish of Westoning, is out of repair. 44

Assessment of a fine of £50 upon the inhabitants of the parish of Tuddington if the same is not repaired before 5th October.

16th July. **Presentment** that the highway which leads and extends itself westward from the town of Luton, market town, in the parish of Luton, to and through a certain lane in the parish of Luton called Clay Lane or Doller Lane, and thence on westwards to and through part of the parish of Houghton Regis towards and to the town of Dunstable is out of repair. 45

Assessment of a fine of £50 upon the inhabitants of Luton if the said highway is not repaired before 5th October.

16th July. **Presentment** that there is a highway called Icknell way, which leads and extends itself westwards from the parish of Dunstable, through part of the parish of Houghton Regis, to the parish of Tottenhoe, and thence through part of the parish of Tottenhoe to the parish of Eaton Bray, and thence through part of the parish of Eaton Bray to the parish of Edlesboro', and that so much of the said highway as lies in the parish of Eaton Bray is out of repair. 46

Assessment of a fine of £50 upon the inhabitants of Eaton Bray if the said highway is not repaired before 5th October.

Presentment that there is a highway called Icknell way, which leads and extends itself westwards from the parish of Dunstable, on and through part of the parish of Houghton Regis to the parish of Tottenhoe, and so much of the said highway as lies in the parish of Houghton Regis is out of repair. 47

Assessment of a fine of £50 upon the inhabitants of the parish of Houghton Regis if the said highway is not repaired before 5th October.

16th July. **Presentment** that so much of the said highway called Icknell way as lies in the parish of Tottenhoe is out of repair. 48

Assessment of a fine of £50 upon the inhabitants of the parish of Tottenhoe if the said highway is not repaired before 5th October.

Record of the conviction of James Clarke, of Leighton Buzzard, for allowing gaming with cards in his alehouse. 50

1761.

17 20th March. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Arthur Ellingham and others, to give evidence against Robert Clark, of Flitton, labourer, for stealing flour, barley, cheese, &c., the property of the said Arthur Ellingham.

21 6th October. **Recognizance** for the appearance of John Simpson, of Langford, farmer, to answer for getting Mary Ampthill with child.

68 **Indictment** of Richard Clare, of Clophill, dealer in hogs, for assaulting Martha Hare, wife of Isaac Hare.

1762.

20 11th January. A list of the constables of the town of Bedford :—

William Skevington,	constable of	East Ward.
William Triston,	,,	West Ward.
William Harris,	,,	Mill Lane Ward.
Abraham Patstone,	,,	Well Street Ward.
Thomas Sammon,	,,	Prebend Ward.
John Ruderford,	,,	St. Loyd's Ward.
William Linford,	,,	High Street Ward.
Lawrence Willis,	,,	Cauldwell Street Ward.
William Savage,	,,	Potter's Street Ward.
John Purser,	,,	St. John's Street Ward.
Thomas Lane,	,,	St Cuthbert's Ward.
John Rose,	,,	St. Peter's Ward.

23 10th. May. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Jacob Shaw, of Toddington, farmer, to answer for assaulting the wife of William Sutton, of Toddington, butcher (see No. 39, indictment of the said Jacob Shaw).

26 4th October. **Recognizance** for the appearance of James Bailey, of Biggleswade, wheelwright, and John Castle of Baldock, co. Hertford, labourer, to give evidence against James Oucham, labourer, charged with stealing a horsewhip and two girths out of the stable of Sir Roger Burgoyn at Sutton.

27 4th October **Recognizance** for the appearance of Richard Booth, of Sutton, gentleman, to prefer an indictment against the said James Oucham (see No. 41 indictment of the said James Oucham).

1763.

27 15th January. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Benjamin Lyne, of Ampthill, yeoman, and Henry Bradford of the same, labourer, to give evidence against William Peake, of Houghton Conquest, for stealing a quantity of beans out of the barn of the said Benjamin Lynes.

29 2nd March. **Recognizance** for the appearance of George Drinkwater, the elder, and George Drinkwater, the younger, of Todington, horse dealers and chapmen, and to keep the peace towards John Bisket, of Tedington.

10th June. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Joseph Hall, of Campton, to give evidence concerning the place of his legal settlement. 31

26th July. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Thomas Giddings, of Silsoe, wheelwright, to prefer a bill of indictment against William Peacock, of Silsoe, charged with stealing a brass kettle the property of the said Thomas Giddings. 33

Indictment of John Bishop, of Tuddington, yeoman, for assulting George Drinkwater. 87

Indictment of William Peak for the theft (see No. 27 ante). 88

Indictment of William Rhodes, of Hockliffe, labourer, for maliciously driving a wagon with broad wheels and drawn by eight horses in the highway at Hockliffe against a post chaise belonging to Mary Chapman widow, and drawn by two horses, in which post chaise William Addington and John Addington, esquires, were then travelling, whereby the said chaise was overturned. 89

Apprenticeship Indentures. William Flood (with consent of his mother and the corporation of Bedford, Trustees of a charity given by Sir William Harpur, kt.,) is apprenticed to Henry Beaumont, of Bedford, cordwainer, in consideration of 12*l.* paid by the said Trustees. 93

1764.

20th March. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Anne Jeves, of Biggleswade, widow, to prefer a bill of indictment against Thomas Gardener, of Biggleswade, surgeon, for an assault. 28

20th March. **Recognizance** for the appearance of James Pepercorn, of Little Staughton, farmer, to prosecute James Midlow, of Little Staughton, for assault. 29

Recognizance for the appearance of Samuel Miller, of Woburn, gentleman, to prosecute Martha Irons for stealing an "iron sweep" of a pump, the property of John, Duke of Bedford. 34

Indictment of William Peacock, of the hamlet of Selsoe, in the Parish of Flitton, for stealing a large Common Prayer Book, value 10d. 89

Indictment of Margaret Ashby, for stealing a pair of woman's leather pumps, value 10d. 90

1765.

3rd April. **Recognizance** of Thomas White, of Kempston, and Nathan Goodwin, the elder, of Wootton, farmer, to cause Nathan Goodwin, the younger, to appear to answer the complaint of the overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kempston, against the said Nathan Goodwin the younger, for intruding himself into the Parish of Kempston after being removed thence by an order. 34

38 **Recognizance** for the appearance of of Spencer How, senior, of Bedford, cordwainer, for assaulting his daughter, Sarah How.

39 10th July. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Jacob Smith, of Elstow, to answer for stealing the purse of Richard Willis, of Elstow.

48 6th March. **Petition** of Joseph Mead, of Stretley, in the parish of Stretly, that his dwelling house at Stretley may be licensed for the use of Protestant dissenters in which to meet for religious worship.

48a 15th May. **Certificate** by William Sheed of the conviction of John Hill, of the Parish of St. Paul, Bedford, for swearing four profane Oaths for which he was fined 4s.

48b 17th September. **Certificate** by Edmund Wodley, Thomas Coleman, and Thomas Hanley, the minister, chapel warden, and overseer of the hamlet of Billington, in the Parish of Leighton Buzzard, and others, recommending John Humbles to be licensed as a badger or dealer in corn.

63 9th October. **Certificate** by Owen Gough, curate [of Leighton Buzzard], the Churchwardens, and others, recommending William James of Leighton Buzzard, to be licensed as a dealer in sheep and cattle.

64 **Certificate** by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of Biggleswade recommending Thomas Pepper to be licensed to keep a public house at the sign of the White Horse, in Biggleswade.

73 **Account** for bread delivered to the county gaol from April 17 to July 1. Total £5 14s. 5d.

78 **Account** of Uriah Clayson for repairing Harrold Bridge.

86 **Account** of Thomas Richardson, keeper of the county gaol.
To transporting John Leachford for sheep stealing, £6, &c.

99 **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway in the parish of Shittlington, co. Bedford, which leads and extends eastwards from Fancome Brooke to the parish of Pirton, co. Hertford, and that such highway as lies in the parish of Shittlington in several parts thereof is out of repair. (See also No. 7.)

1766.

6 **Writ reciting a presentment** by Charles Ventris Field, Esq., J.P., that there is in the parish of Clophill an ancient and common highway which leads and extends from the parish of Campton through Beadlow and Clophill to the parish of Maulden, and that a certain part thereof, lying within the parish of Clophill, which leads from a gate called Beadlow Common Gate otherwise Campton Common Gate by Beadlow farmhouses through Beadlow Lane, across Church Field and along Clophill town as far as the *Flying Horse* alehouse, containing in length

at least two miles and in breadth twelve yards, is out of repair. Whereupon at the general quarter sessions held on 16th July, 1766, a fine of £50 was levied on the inhabitants of the parish of Clophill.

The sheriff is ordered to summon the said inhabitants to appear and shew cause why the said £50 should not be paid.

23rd June. **Recognizance** of Anthony Smith, of Ampthill, blacksmith, to cause his servant Thomas Smith to appear to answer the complaint of William Fisher, of Millbrook, warrener, for chasing coneys on his warren. 26

26th July. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Thomas Barnes, of Harrold, officer of excise, to answer the complaint of the Rev. George Story, of Harrold, for assault. 29 and 30

7th January. **Certificate** by the minister, churchwardens, and overseers of the poor of Hockliffe, recommending Michael Read to be licensed as a badger or dealer in corn. 38

12th July. **Certificate** by the minister, churchwardens, and overseers of the poor of Eggington, in the parish of Leighton Buzzard, recommending John Ellingham, of Clipson, to be licensed as a badger or dealer in corn. 42

12th July. **Like recommendation** of Robert Cooper, of Clipson. 43

14th July. **Certificate** of the marriage of William Liming, of Thornhaugh, co. Northampton, and Esther Hocker, of Godmanchester, on 20th January, 1760. 46

Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the parish of Thurleigh to the town of Bedford, and that several parts thereof called Copplow Lane lying in the parish of Bletsoe, containing 20 perches in length and 14 feet in breadth are in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Bletsoe ought to repair the same. 84

Indictment of John Wooland, labourer, constable of Aspley Guise, for apprehending Sarah Foster, a vagrant, and, instead of taking her before a justice of the peace as he should have done, carrying her to the parish of Wavendon, co. Buckingham, and leaving her, where, had she not been relieved by the charity of the inhabitants, she would have died. 87

Indictment of Thomas Billington, of Aspley Guise, labourer, for poaching in a park at Potsgrove, belonging to the Duke of Bedford, where deer and hares are kept. 89

1767.

23rd June. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Timothy Deacon, of Eversholt, dealer, to answer for assaulting William Summerfield. 29

30 13th July. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Francis Wheeler and Robert Clerk, of Flitton, yeomen, to give evidence against John Bailley, of Little Shefford, labourer, charged with assaulting John Wright, constable of Flitton.

32 28th November. **Recognizance** for the appearance of William Lugsden, of Little Stoughton, yeoman, to prosecute William Hayes, of Little Stoughton, labourer, charged with stealing a quantity of clothes.

53 **Presentment** as to the repair of a highway from Eaton Socon to Bolnhurst (document very faded).

1768.

5 **Whereas** it appeared to the trustees of Puddle Hill toll-gate at their meeting on Wednesday, 11th May, that it is impracticable for wagons (with the weights of the same respectively allowed by Act of Parliament) to be drawn up Puddle Hill (the length thereof being 102 poles one foot and a half, and bounded by a post at each end) by the number of horses by the said Act allowed; the trustees therefore order that wagons with wheels nine inches broad may be drawn up the said hill with any number of horses not exceeding ten, and wagons of less breadth with any number of horses not exceeding six.

27 3rd August. **Recognizance** for the appearance of William Rhodes, of Hockliffe, to answer for wilfully driving against and overturning a post-chaise, wherein William and John Addington, esquires, were travelling.

28 1st September. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Joseph Iredale, of Dunstable, baker, to prosecute an appeal against a conviction for selling sixpenny loaves not made according to the Act of Parliament.

64 **Indictment** of William Fennel, of Thurleigh, labourer, for stealing a pair of shears, value 10d.

1769.

28 6th September. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Abraham Lahair, overseer of the poor of the parish of Sharnbrook, to prosecute William Oldham, for deserting his family a third time and leaving them chargeable to parish.

32 31st October. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Samuel Taylor, of Kempston, labourer, to prosecute Eleanor Saunders, of Kempston, for stealing a brass saucepan.

43 **Indictment** of Joseph Dockree, of Hockliffe, labourer, for stealing a peck of beans, value 9d., the goods of Thomas Walker, clerk. "Sentenced to be publicly whipped next Saturday."

1770.

16th November. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Richard Crokey, of Hockliffe, yeoman, and for his keeping the peace towards Robert Osborn, of Hockliff, innholder. 7

Indictment of Sarah Paternoster, of Pullox Hill, for stealing two linen shirt sleeves and one tallow candle. 16

1771.

27th April. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Thomas Pinckard, of Westoning, butcher, to give evidence against Matthew Rolfe, of Westoning Wood End, and Thomas White and John Barton of the same, charged with suffering William King, of Westoning Wood End, to escape from their custody. 31

4th May. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Frances Durrant, of Leighton, spinster, to give evidence against James Hart and Edward White, charged with feloniously taking fish the goods of Sir Richard Aston. (See also No. 47). 36

20th May. **Recognizance** for the appearance of William Freeman, of Harold, labourer, and Thomas Harrison of the same, mason, to prosecute Thomas Knight, of Harold, farmer, for refusing to pay the demand of the said William Freeman for having impounded a cow, the property of John Knight, son of the said Thomas Knight, and for breaking open the pound at Harold and rescuing the said cow. 40

2nd November. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Stephen Wainwright, of St. Mary's, Bedford, tanner, to answer for feloniously taking away a parcel of coals from the coal wharf of William Flood, in the parish of St. Mary's, aforesaid. 52

12th November. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Jonathan Smith, of Ampthill, journeyman blacksmith, to give evidence against William Crawley, of Ampthill, labourer, charged with stealing one plain shoe and a double channel pump, the goods of the said Thomas Smith. 55

Indictment of Edward White, of Leighton Buzzard, labourer, for stealing "six brace of fish called pearch," the goods of Sir Richard Aston, kt., at Leighton Buzzard (no bill). (See also 36 above and 47). 69

Indictment of James Frame, of Dunstable, for stealing brass and copper clippings of the value of 10d. "Ordered to be whipped from one end of the town to the other of Dunstable, between the hours of eleven and twelve in the morning of Wednesday next." 70

Indictment of John Blowes, of Biggleswade, for allowing disorder in his alehouse. 71

Indictment of the constable of Westoning, for permitting William King to escape from his custody. 74

1772.

36 10th June. **Recognizance** for the appearance of William Hockley, of Oakley, labourer, to answer for assaulting Thomas Dunmore in the common field of the parish of Oakley.

39 19th June. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Charles Barnett, of Stratton, Esq., to prosecute Sarah Francklin for making a riot and disturbance in his house under pretence of a message from a magistrate, and William Francklin, of Eyeworth, labourer, for assisting the said Sarah.

48 29th September. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Thomas Marshall, of North Crawley, co. Buckingham, cordwainer, one of the constables of the said parish, to prosecute William Burgess apprehended in the parish of Lidlington, co. Bedford, as a cheat for that he by false pretences extorted money from several constables in the counties of Bedford and Buckingham, insisting that he was authorized by some of the justices of the peace for the county of Bedford to demand relief of the said constables.

81 **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Woburn to the town of Ampthill, and that a certain part thereof being and beginning at the end of the town of Ridgemont lying towards the south west and going through and along the town of Ridgemont to the north east end thereof lying in the parish of Ridgemont; and also another part of the said highway leading from Woburn to Ampthill being and next adjoining to and extending the length of a close called Willowes or Double Hedges lying in the parish of Ridgemont are in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Ridgemont ought to to repair the same.

83 **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Flitton to the town of Westoning, and that a certain part thereof called Greenfield Green and Greenfield Street lying and being in common between the parishes of Pulloxhill and Flitton, extending from the dwelling house late of Samuel Paine, deceased, and now of Thomas Wildman, bricklayer, to the dwelling house of Arthur Ellingham, farmer, containing in length 90 poles and 2 feet and in breadth about 40 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parishes of Flitton and Pulloxhill ought to repair the same.

1773.

6 21st April. **Warrant** for the arrest of John Perry who broke out of the house of correction at Bedford, where he was committed for taking green sallows from Milton Wood and refusing to pay 40s. for that his first offence, and was ordered to be once whipped.

26th April. **Warrant** for the arrest of William Messenger and John Messenger, of Brickhill, for breaking out of the said house of correction to which they were commited (for stealing sallow rods out of Milton Wood, that being there second offence and being unable to pay the fine appointed by the Act of Parliament) for three months and ordered to be whipped once in every of the said three months. 7

8th February. **Recognizance** for the appearance of William Speechly of the parish of St. Paul, Bedford, wheelwright, to prosecute Samuel Barker of St. Paul's aforesaid, butcher, for riding full speed in the common street in St. Paul's aforesaid and throwing down under his horse's feet John Speechley, a child between six and seven years of age, son of the said William Speechley, whereby the said child's thigh was fractured and he was otherwise greatly hurt. Endorsed: "Discharged; the parties agreeing." 28

10th April. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Thomas Green, one of the constables of Ampthill, to give evidence against William Worsley, of Ampthill, who made a disturbance in the public street and abusing and striking the said constable in the execution of his office. 35

7th June. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Isaac Jones, a "fifer" in the Bedfordshire Militia, his sureties being William Jones and William Moll, sergeants in the said Militia, to answer for climbing up to the chamber window of William Willis of the parish of St. Paul, Bedford, victualler, about 12 o'clock at night and thereby greatly terrifying and alarming the said William Willis. Endorsed: "Ordered to be discharged, the parties appearing in court and agreeing." 41

12th August. **Recognizance** for the appearance of Sarah Prior, to prosecute Thomas Watts, of Kempston, labourer, who attempted to ravish her in the common field in the said parish of Kempston. 48

14th September. **Recognizance** for the appearance of William Gordon, of Dunstable, to prosecute John Miles, of the 11th Regiment of Foot, for stealing three shirts, &c. 48

Indictment of James Burridge, of Northill, for shooting with a gun at John Richardson and destroying the sight of his right eye. 87

Indictment of James Veale, of St. Paul's, Bedford, for assaulting William Smith, gamekeeper of John Denis, Esq., in a meadow called Ham Meadow, in the manor of the said John Denis in the parish of Kempston. 88

Indictment of Benjamin Burgess, of Cople, labourer, for fraudulently obtaining money of various constables by shewing them the following words and figures "September 25, 1772. To relieve the same. Signed at Royston, E. Bowcher, Herts.," written in the margin of a warrant for the arrest of John Haines, a woolcomber, accused by the said Benjamin Burgess of stealing certain goods and money belonging to the said Benjamin; whereas there was no such person as E. Bowcher, Herts. "Sentenced to be imprisoned for a fortnight and then publicly whipt at the markett cross, and discharged the last Saturday of the said time." 91

1775.

2 20th March. **Warrant** to the constable of the parish of Woburn to convey John Botsworth and Thomas Green convicted of killing a hare in Woburn Park, to the house of correction where they are to remain for three calendar months.

20 4th October. **Order at quarter sessions** that the surveyors of the highways of the hamlet of Kempton Box End, in the hundred of Redburnstoke, may levy a rate not exceeding three pence in the pound on the occupiers of lands, tenements, woods, tithes, and hereditaments within the said hamlet towards the repair of the highways, causeways, streets, pavements, and bridges.

30 **Subpœna** directed to———to attend at the next sessions of the peace to give evidence against Ashley Palmer and John Francklin, Esquires, charged with breaking down certain posts and rails in the parish of Temsford, the property of the trustees appointed by several Acts of Parliament, for amending and repairing a certain turnpike road leading through the parish of Temsford.

51 Michaelmas sessions, 1775. **Gaol calendar**:—John Cox, committed 7th July, for fishing in the water of the Earl of Bute.

Thomas Bayes, committed 28th September, for three months for having snares to destroy game and refusing to pay the penalty for the same.

84 26th April. **Depositions** of Elizabeth Rogers, wife of Benjamin Rogers, of Wyboston, innkeeper:—That Henry Hayes came to her husband's house on the evening of 3rd February and had some brandy and water and other liquor and afterwards supped; "and when he had finished "his supper he threw the bones at her and told her that the deed was "to be done, which this deponent apprehends was to murder her, and "that the lot fell upon him and he would do it; that it should not be "long before he would do the jobb, which this deponent apprehends "was to murder her, and desired her to make her peace with God, for "it would be better for her."

88 20th February. **Certificate** that Daniel Dorson, alehouse keeper, was convicted of suffering card playing in his house, called the Five Bells, at Riseley, and was fined 40s.

89 20th February. **Certificate** that Thomas Richards and Simon Fobeck were convicted of playing cards in the house of the said Daniel Dorson and were fined 5s. each.

91 & 92 27th April. **Certificates** that Richard Turffey, draper, and Thomas Halsey, husbandman, both of Redbourn, were convicted of attempting to destroy fish with a net in a river running through the enclosed grounds of the Earl of Bute in the parish of Luton.

12th June. **Certificate** that the Bedfordshire Militia was first raised in 1760, and was last assembled on 15th May, 1775, and trained for 28 days. It consisted of one lieutenant colonel, one major, four captains, one captain-lieutenant, two lieutenants, one adjutant, 18 sergeants, 18 corporals, 12 drummers, and 358 privates. 95

7th July. **Certificate** that Joseph Cox and Robert Perrott, of Luton, were convicted of destroying fish with a spear and snare in a river running through the enclosed grounds of the Earl of Bute in the parish of Luton. 96

Thomas Jeffery's **Account** for repairs to Bromham Bridge. 130

Account of Thomas Howard, gaoler of the county gaol :—To moving Thomas Lincoln for transportation, 6*l.* ; a long brush for the chapel, 3s. 6d. 135

Easter sessions. **Presentment** that a public bridge in the highway upon the river Ouse, in the parishes of Felmersham and Milton Ernest, called Radwell bridge, is in decay. 142

Returns of the prices of wheat sold in the markets of Bedford, Luton, Leighton and Potton. 167—182

1776.

17th July. **Order at quarter sessions** reciting that Ashley Palmer, Esquire, appealed against a rate made for the relief of the poor of the parish of Cardington in April last, on account of his being assessed at 7s. 7½d. from tolls arising from the sluice across the navigable river in the parish of Cardington. The court now states the following case :— 14

That Ashley Palmer, Esquire, by virtue of letters patent, Acts of Parliament, and other legal conveyances, is seized in fee of the right of navigation in that part of the river Ouse which lies between Erith in the county of Huntingdon and the town of Bedford, and of all the tolls, sums of money, and advantages arising and becoming payable for the carriage of coals, and all other materials whatsoever, upon that part of the navigation. That this part of the river was made navigable for the public benefit by the undertakers and proprietors from whom Mr. Palmer claims at a great expense, and is still attended with considerable charges. That by virtue of the said letters patent and Acts of Parliament the proprietors of the navigation are empowered to take and receive certain tolls for the carriage of coals and other goods navigated up and down the aforesaid part of the said river, and to erect certain [sluices] and stanches for the better keeping up the water and carrying on the said navigation, and the tolls are paid for passing through every sluice, and at a different rate for different sluices. That several sluices have long since been erected on the said navigation, and in particular one sluice across the said river in the parish of Cardington at which the toll is 3d. per chaldron or load weight.

That Mr. Palmer does not reside in the parish of Cardington, nor has he any person resident at that sluice to receive tolls, but the tolls for that sluice are received at Barton or Eaton, and the boatmen draw the wicket to pass. That neither Mr. Palmer nor any of the former proprietors of the navigation were ever assessed to the poor rate for this sluice or the tolls or profits, although it has been navigable and the tolls have been received for upwards of 100 years, but they have been for many years assessed to Cardington land tax and paid the full annual sums, viz., 5*l.* 13s. 6d. when the land tax was 4s. in the pound, and 3*l.* 13s. 4d. when 3s. in the pound, as appears from the assessments. That the parish of Cardington have lately assessed Mr. Palmer to the poors rate for the said sluice in the sum of 7s. 7½d., being a rate at 3d. in the pound.

37 Easter sessions. **Gaol calendar**:—George Buzby, committed 22nd March for refusing to indemnify the parish of Bolnhurst for a bastard child.

Note.—The above John Buzby made his escape on the night of the 14th of April by forcing the door of his prison and getting over the prison wall.

82 **Certificate** of the conviction of Elizabeth Watts, widow, and Ann Wright, singlewoman, for delivering to Jacob Lawrence, of Shefford, agent for Mr. Stephen Raymond, of Potton, wool-comber, a pound or parcel of yarn or jersey, reeled short. This being their first offence, they were fined 5s. each.

129 **Account** of Thomas Howard, gaoler of the county gaol:

To whipping Ann Atkins; to whipping Jonathan Butler publicly at the Market Cross, in Bedford, &c.

130 **Account** of Stephen Hart for work done at the county bridge at Great Barford.

147 **Account** for repairs done to Bromham bridge.

151—170 **Returns** of the prices of corn sold in the markets of Bedford, Luton, Leighton and Potton.

171 **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the parish of Campton through Beadlow and Clophill to the parish of Maulden in the county of Bedford, and that a certain part thereof situate in the parish of Clophill which leads from a gate commonly called Beadlow Common Gate, otherwise Campton Common Gate, by Beadlow farm-houses, through Beadlow Lane, across Church Field, and along Clophill Town as far as the Flying Horse alehouse, containing in length at least two miles and in breadth 12 yards, is in decay.

At the same court the justices imposed a fine of 50*l.* on the inhabitants of the parish of Clophill if the said highway was not repaired before 5th October following.

1777.

12th March. **Award** by Thoswihan Brandreth, Esquire, and the Rev. John Morris, justices of the peace, that upon view they have found that a certain part of the footway leading from the village of Houghton Regis, to the town of Dunstable, and beginning at Mill Hill in the parish of Houghton Regis, and passing through the grounds of John Miller, the younger, Esq., James Oliver, John Stokes, and Mark West, in the parish of Dunstable, for the length of 192 poles, or thereabouts, and particularly described in the plan annexed, may be diverted and turned so as to make the same more commodious to the public; and having viewed a course proposed for the footway in lieu thereof, passing through the grounds of the said John Miller, described in the plan annexed, and having received evidence of his consent thereto, they award that the said old footway be diverted and turned through the grounds of the said John Miller into the course set out for the same, as appears in the plan annexed. 2

Plan annexed.

4th April. **Certificate** that the said new footway is in sufficient repair and condition to accommodate the public.

Easter sessions. **Gaol calendar**:—Charles Seignor, capitally convicted in March last, but since reprieved, for two years' hard labour on the river Thames. 43

Gaol calendar:—Sergeant Harris, committed for destroying fish in the waters of the Earl of Bute, at Luton; to remain three months in prison unless he pay a penalty of 5*l*. 46

Gaol calendar:—John Keatch remains until an order be sent for his removal to the river Thames. 47

10th June. **Certificate** that the Bedfordshire Militia were assembled on 13th May and exercised for 28 days, and consisted of one lieutenant colonel, one major, four captains, one captain-lieutenant, two lieutenants, one adjutant, 18 sergeants, 18 corporals, 12 drummers, and 359 privates. 88

23rd September. **Certificate** that the new highway and footpath lying between and leading from a certain place called Warren Gate to Southill Church Street, in the hundred of Wixamtree, running through the lands of Viscount Torrington, for the length of 1826 yards, or thereabouts (including therein a common balk), is completed, and put into good condition and repair, and therefore the old highway lying between and leading from Warren Gate to Southill Church Street aforesaid for the length of 1760 yards, or thereabouts, and a certain part of the old footpath in the said parish leading from Gastling's Warren Stile to a certain place called Bird Lime Traps for the length 90

of 820 yards, or thereabouts, and also a certain part of another old footpath in the same parish, lying between a certain place called Ireland and Sand Hill Bottom of the length of 726 yards, or thereabouts, may be stopped up by Viscount Torrington, and held by him, his heirs, and assigns, in lieu of the new roads and footpaths formed in and running through his lands.

110 **Petition** of John Taylor, of Clerkenwell, to the justices of the peace. Shews that petitioner's son, of the age of 13, was apprenticed to Robert Kirby, of Luton, surgeon, who undertook to teach him Latin, which he has neglected to do. The said Robert now intends to apply to the justices to discharge the said George Taylor, who has served three years of his time, for absenting himself without leave.

Petitioner paid 100*l.* on apprenticing his son, and now prays that if the justices discharge him they will allow part of that sum to petitioner, and that they will minutely inquire into the conduct of the said Robert Kirby, who, petitioner is informed, is a man of a cruel arbitrary disposition, and never had an apprentice who served out his time with him.

No. 152 is a **Receipt** by John Taylor, of Rosamond Street, Clerkenwell, for 20*l.*, ordered by the court to be repaid to him by Robert Kirby. George Taylor, the son, was ordered to be discharged from his apprenticeship.

111 **Certificate** that the Bedfordshire Militia were assembled on 6th October and trained for 28 days. They consisted of one lieutenant-colonel, one major, four captains, one captain-lieutenant, two lieutenants, one adjutant, 18 sergeants, 18 corporals, 12 drummers, and 345 privates.

119 Matthew Barker's **Bill** for burying Thomas King, a vagrant :—Horse hire to Ampthill for the coroner, 3s. ; for flannel and cloth tape by order of the doctor, 3s. ; for beer for the jury and laying him out, 12s. 6d. ; a pair of stockings by order of the doctor, 1s. 2d., &c.

137 **Account** of Thomas Howard, gaoler of the county gaol :—To branding Mary Partridge in the hand, 5s., &c.

153—164 **Returns** of the prices of corn.

165 13th January. **Presentment** of William Thomas, of Bedford, innkeeper, for not scouring a ditch called Castle Ditch, in the parish of St. Paul, Bedford.

1778.

29 **Gaol Calendar** :—William Rance, John Webb, John Crane, and Jasper Cowdell, remain for hard labour on the Thames.

32 Michaelmas sessions. **Gaol calendar** :—Frances Deerman, committed 30th July, convicted of grand larceny, and to be branded in the left hand.

Account of Thomas Howard, gaoler of the county gaol :—To removing to the Thames for hard labour, William Rance, John Webb, Jasper Cowdell, and John Rance, 16*l.* To whipping publicly William Ley, 5s. 6d., &c. 135

Returns of the prices of corn. 151—172

Indictment of Thomas Goosey, of the hamlet of Humberstone, in the town of Market Street and parish of Studham, victualler, and one of the overseers of the poor of the said hamlet, for bringing without legal warrant, Humphrey Spry, coachman (the said Humphrey having dislocated his hip, and then being poor and impotent and unable to maintain himself), from the parish of Flamstead in the county of Hertford to the parish of Dunstable to be maintained by the inhabitants, the said Humphrey having no legal settlement there. 185

1779.

Gaol calendar :—William Cook, otherwise Turf, committed as a rogue and vagabond, "and as a proper person to serve his Majesty under the late Act of impressing as a soldier or a seaman;" for deserting from the Hertfordshire Militia and for snaring a hare. 28

Gaol calendar :—John Brinklayer, a convict, remains for an order of removal to the river Thames, for three years' with hard labour. 30

12th and 13th January. **Certificates** of the conviction of Ann Garter, of Eaton Socon, Elizabeth Robinson, of Tempsford, Sarah Cranfield and Anne Simpson, of Eaton Socon, of reeling short yarn. 90—93

19th April. **Certificate** of the conviction of Felix Cocke, yeoman, for swearing a profane oath. 101

8th July. **Certificate** of the conviction of Samuel Rose, for selling a half-peck loaf wanting eight ounces; fined 40s. 102

Account of Thomas Howard, gaoler of the county gaol :—To whipping privately Thomas Robinson, 5s., &c. 127

July 27th. **Gaoler's account.** Removing Samuel Dealley and Thomas Wallis to Leighton to be pilloried; guard, chair, and expenses, 2*l.* Taking a plan of the gaol to send to London to the Sick and Wounded Office, 7s. 6d. 153

3rd June. **Account** of work done at the House of correction. Repairing and oiling the locks of the wards, 3s. 6d. Repairing the locks and bolts of the outside gates, 2s. New hoop for a "beetle," a wooden hammer for driving in stakes, and lining and shutting the other hoop and putting in a "steall," 2s. 3d. For a new link and repairing the others, 1s. 6d. Repairing a leg-lock, 8d. Oiling the lock and bolts of the dwelling house, 1s., &c. 154

156 **Note** that the ground before the Sessions House measures "near 11 square poles"; 5*l.* 5s. is allowed to Mr. Richard Leach, surveyor of St. Paul's, for gravelling this.

158—173 **Returns** of the prices of corn.

183 **Indictment** of Philip Perkins, publican, and others, for riotously assembling at Greenfield, in the parish of Pulloxhill, about 4 o'clock in the afternoon during divine service and for assault.

1780.

11 22nd September. **Notice** by William Harrison, surveyor, left at Mr. Hawkin's farm at Higham, to come with his cart or carts to the gravel pits in Silsoe Fields, on 26th September, to do his duty on the turnpike road in Higham Gobion.

15 19th November. **Notice of appeal** by John Hawkins against a conviction by the Rev. Hadley Cox for neglecting to do his duty in repairing the turnpike road in the parish of Higham Gobion within the Luton district: "because no legal appointment was made to be done by him upon the said road;" he was not summoned to attend at the time he was convicted; the duty alleged to be charged upon and required to be done by him was more than the proper proportion of his duty to be done thereon and that he is convicted in a greater penalty than is warranted by the statute.

29 **Gaol calendar,** Richard Jefford, committed on suspicion of stealing a chest of tea, value 40*l.*, out of a wagon, the property of Charles Whittingham, of Dunstable.

30 **Gaol calendar,** Thomas Dealby, committed for a misdemeanour; fined 5s., and to remain in gaol for 12 months from the day of his standing in the pillory, and to find security for his good behaviour for three years. Thomas Collins to remain for want of sureties for harbouring and assisting one sergeant Taylor knowing he had stolen a bag of letters sent by the post.

32 **Midsummer sessions,** Sarah Dearman, attainted at the last sessions of felony and burglary for which she was liable to suffer death, but she was reprieved on condition that she be imprisoned and kept to hard labour in the house of correction for 18 months.

William Bowman, committed for two months for fishing in the enclosed waters of George Edwards, Esquire, of Henlow, and refusing to pay the penalty of 5*l.*

Ann Griswell and Ann Mellow, committed as rogues and vagabonds, and charged on the complaint of Major Williamson, of the Yorkshire Militia, now on the march to Biggleswade, with being common prostitutes, wandering abroad, infecting the said regiment, and not giving a satisfactory account of themselves. "Discharged; first whipped and not piped."

Joseph Byley, committed 11th June as a convict let out of Newgate by the late riot. 33

Thomas Collins remains for want of sureties concerning the mail being robbed at Dunstable.

Gaol calendar, Thomas Southam and William Bosworth, committed 12th September, charged with feloniously stopping and robbing George Pates upon the highway in the parish of Luton; they stand further charged with having broken out of the gaol for the county of Hertford on 5th September, the former convicted of horse stealing and the other of grand larceny. 34

15th December. **Notice** by the Rev. Hadley Cox, of Ampthill, justice of the peace, to the Rev. John Hawkins, that he has been fined 15s. for neglecting to repair the turnpike road leading from Luton to Westwood, and from Luton to St. Albans, in the parish of Higham Gobion, viz., for neglecting to send one cart with three horses and two men for a day and a half, being the half of his statute duty for 1780. 68

Returns of the prices of corn. 124—139

1781.

Petition of Thomas Howard, gaoler of the county gaol. Shews that William Pearson and James Prigmore were committed for debt to the county gaol, and on the night of 10th August last they broke gaol, at which time petitioner was in London with four convicts for the river Thames for hard labour. That next morning petitioner's wife sent out four men in different quarters in pursuit of the prisoners, but to no purpose. That petitioner sent out again several times into different parts of the fens and at last retook the fugitives although at the expense of more than 40*l.* Petitioner prays that as the escape was not owing to his neglect, but to the weakness of the county gaol, he may be allowed such expenses as shall seem meet. Allowed by the court 15 guineas. 90

Account of moneys paid by the treasurer of the county of Bedford to the treasurer of the town of Bedford from Michaelmas sessions, 1780, to Epiphany sessions, 1781, to the overseers of St. Paul's and St. Cuthbert's, for moneys paid by them to the families of substitutes serving in the Militia. 122

Account for the county gaol, sessions house and bridewell. For a new jointed waist belt and handcuffs; for holdfasts for wall in the dungeon; for four large cramps and four large rings in the same; for four large staples for the men's dungeon; the like and two large rings for the women's dungeon; for three small padlocks for the waist belt. 129

137 **Account** of Edward Jackson. Amongst the items are the following:—Bleeding Sarah Dearman in Bedford gaol. For an anodyne pill, a styptic mixture, styptic powders, aperient bolus, a "terebinthinated" clyster, a clyster pipe, a cathartic powder, a deobstruent draught, a demulcent mixture, ingredients for a quart of decoction, and intros powders.

144 **Account** of Thomas Partridge, coroner:—Attending the sheriff's county court at Biggleswade to pronounce judgment of outlawry against serjeant Taylor who stands indicted for felony, &c.

145 **Account** of moneys paid to the families of substitutes in the Militia from various parishes from Easter to Midsummer session, 1781.

161 **Account** for work done to Barford bridge.

163 **Account** of moneys paid to the families of substitutes in the Militia from Midsummer to Michaelmas, 1781.

166 **Account** for work done to the sessions house and gaol when the Militia went away.

172 Work done at the County gaol:—A new spike for the iron gate, 6d.; a bolt for the iron gate and oiling the bolts of the other gate, 8d.

181—195 **Returns** of the prices of corn.

196 **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from Bedford to Shefford, and a certain part thereof lying in the parish of Wilshamstead, beginning north opposite a farmhouse in the possession of William Bury, and leading south through a lane commonly called Dark Lane up Thody's hill to the north end of the pales of a farmhouse in the possession of Joseph Garrett, containing in length 2046 yards is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Wilshamstead ought to repair the same.

1782.

32 Easter sessions. **Gaol calendar:**—James Albone and Stephen Russell, committed for grand larceny, and ordered to be publicly whipped and to be imprisoned and kept to hard labour in the house of correction for twelve months.

33 Midsummer sessions. **Gaol calendar:**—Samuel Wallis, committed for 12 calendar months from the time he stood in the pillory, and also to find security for his good behaviour for three years after.

34 **Gaol calendar:**—Christopher Richards, pardoned on condition of his enlisting to serve the King in the land forces in Africa for five years.

Michaelmas sessions. **Gaol calendar**:—William Vaughan was at the last assizes attainted of stealing goods, value 8s., from a shop, for which he was liable to suffer death, but his Majesty was pleased to extend his royal mercy to him on condition of his being kept to hard labour for two years. 35

28th August. **Recognizance** for the appearance of William Lugsden, Joseph Godliffe, William Murfin, and John Cope, of Little Staughton, to abide the trial of a suit preferred by the Rev. Richard Leech of the said parish in a matter of small tithe due to him. 47

2nd May. **Complaint** of Richard Leech, of Little Staughton, clerk. That for twenty days and upwards before the date hereof he demanded of Joseph Goodley, of Staughton, yeoman, the offerings, oblations, and obventions, justly become due, within two years last past to the value of 1s. 10d., but the said Goodley refuses to pay or compound for the same. 58

The like **complaint** against John Cope, John Murfin, and William Lugsden. 59—61

12th June. **Certificates** of the conviction of Elizabeth Stretton, and others, of Eaton Socon, for reeling short yarn or jersey. 68—70

2nd July. **Certificate** of the conviction of John Fencham for swearing two profane oaths. 71

Account of Thomas Howard, gaoler:—For publicly whipping James Albone and Stephen Russell, 10s. 6d., &c. 103

Midsummer sessions. **Account** of moneys paid by the treasurer of the county of Bedford to the treasurer of the county of Northampton for the families of substitutes in the Militia and resident in the county of Northampton. 120

Returns of the prices of corn. 151—167

Presentment that there is a common highway in the parish of Temsford, leading to the parish of Blunham, and a certain part thereof lying in the parish of Temsford, beginning at a place adjoining to the North Road in the parish of Temsford and so continued towards the parish of Blunham, containing in length 68 poles and in breadth 60 feet is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Temsford ought to repair the same. 168

1783.

8th October. **Order at quarter sessions**:—The keepers of the gaol and brideswell having complained that the said prisons are very much crowded with felons convicted at the different assizes still remaining there, and the said complaint having been proved, It is ordered that 14

Lord North, one of the principal secretaries of state, be acquainted therewith in the hope that some method may be thought of for removing the said convicts, and if this be not done the prisons will be rendered unhealthy and the consequences may be fatal, not only to the persons confined in the said prisons but also to the inhabitants of the town of Bedford.

30 Epiphany sessions. **Gaol calendar:**—Samuel Walls, committed for a misdemeanour for twelve months after standing in the pillory.

31 Easter sessions. **Gaol calendar:**—William Johnson, of Houghton Conquest, convicted of grand larceny, and was ordered to be whipped till his body was bloody, and to be put to hard labour in one of the penitentiary houses to be erected for one year, and in the meantime to be kept to hard labour in the house of correction for the county.

Elizabeth Spring, convicted of grand larceny, and ordered to be privately whipped, and to be kept to hard labour in one of the penitentiaries to be erected for one year.

Mary Waller, committed for short reeling of yarn, and refusing to pay the penalty of 5s.

34 **Gaol calendar:**—Christopher Richards, John Scarborough Perry, William Major, William Goodman, and William Johnson, convicts, ordered to Africa.

35 **Gaol calendar:**—William Johnson, a convict for Africa. Thomas Kisbey Twelvetree, a convict for America. Christopher Richards, a convict, has received the King's pardon on condition of enlisting to serve in the land forces in some of the King's settlements in Africa.

38 **Gaol calendar:**—Christopher Richards, convicted of privately stealing goods, value 8s., and sentenced to death but reprieved before the judge left the town, and pardoned on condition of his enlisting to serve in the land forces in Africa but no one has offered to receive him.

77 4th October. **Certificate** that that part of the road in the parish of Eaton Bray for which the inhabitants were indicted is put in repair.

78 8th October. **Petition** of William Kay to the justices of the peace. Shows that petitioner was bound in 10*l.* for the appearance of William Kay, a relation. The said William Kay was a sailor, belonging to the *Barfluer* man of war, and was committed to the Bedford gaol for a misdemeanour. Petitioner is fearful that the said William Kay perished in the great fire at Wapping about the latter end of September last, as he went from his lodgings to assist and has never since been heard of. Petitioner prays to be relieved of his recognizances.

79 23rd October. **Certificate** of the conviction of Anne Thoroughgood and Rebecca Burrage, of Cardington, of reeling short and false a parcel of yarn; fined 5s. each.

Account of Jeremy Fish Palmer, clerk of the peace. Writing 26 orders for the different parishes to repay Mr. Theed what he paid to the families of substitutes serving in the Militia of other counties. Writing twelve orders for the relief of the families of substitutes serving in the Bedfordshire Militia, and dwelling in the parishes of St. Paul and St. Cuthbert, &c. 97

Account of moneys paid by the treasurer of the county of Bedford to the treasurer of the county of Northampton for the families of substitutes in the Bedfordshire Militia and resident in the county of Northampton. 99

Account of Thomas Howard, gaoler:—To whipping William Johnson publicly, 5s. 6d. Whipping Elizabeth Spring, Richard Cranley, and John Binian, 16s. 6d. Burning John Dunham in the hand, 5s. 6d. 106

Account of moneys paid by the treasurer of the county of Bedford to the treasurers of the counties of Northampton, Hertford, and Middlesex for the families of substitutes serving in the Bedfordshire Militia and resident in those counties. 120

Returns of the prices of corn. 135—150

Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Tring, in the county of Hertford, to the market town of Dunstable, and a certain part thereof lying in the parish of Eaton Bray beginning next to a place called Cross Waters, in the parish of Edlesborough, in the county of Buckingham, and extending thence in the parish of Eaton Bray to the town of Dunstable, containing in length one mile and in breadth 30 feet is in decay, and that the inhabitants of Eaton Bray ought to repair the same. 154

Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the parish of Temsford to the parish of Gamlingay, in the county of Cambridge, and a certain part thereof lying in the parish of Temsford beginning at a place called Lamb Court End, in the parish of Temsford, and extending thence in the parish of Temsford towards Gamlingay, containing in length 20 poles and in breadth 60 feet is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Temsford ought to repair the same. 160

31st October. Letter from Evan Nepean to Jeremy Fish Palmer:—I am commanded by Lord North to acquaint you that Mr. Duncan Campbell will be directed to receive such convicts under sentence of transportation to America as may be in Bedford gaol and bridewell, on board one of his hulks for the present, and will enter into the usual bonds for conveying them to the places of their destination. 167

1784.

Gaol calendar:—James Lord, committed for conveying instruments into the gaol and thereby facilitating the escape of prisoners. 24

26 **Gaol calendar**:—Thomas Kisbey Twelvetree, a convict for Africa, who broke gaol and since retaken, remains to be tried for breaking gaol.

27 Michaelmas sessions. **Gaol calendar**:—Peter Swanson, committed for one month, "he being saucy and impertinent to his master, Edward Peacock, of Thurleigh, and lay out of nights and neglected his said master's business."

105 **Account** for work done at the gaol:—To mending doors that prisoners broke when they got out of gaol, and painting, 6s.

124 **Account** of William Clare:—To broth, &c., for four prisoners ill of the ague for some time, 1*l*. 4s. 6d.

126 Smith's work done at the gaol:—For a new brand to mark the prisoners with and handle, 1s. 6d.

150 **Indictment** of Thomas Battams, of Shitlington, labourer. States that William Wilshire, gentlemen, deputy steward of Richard Tristram, gentleman, steward of Joseph Musgrave, lord of the manor of Shitlington, on 17th March, 17th George III., demised by copy of court roll of the said manor to Elizabeth Cranfield, of Shitlington, spinster, a customary cottage or tenement and right of pasture with appurtenances lying in Pound End within the said manor, late in the occupation of George Lincoln, to hold of the lord of the manor by the rod at the will of the lord by copy of court roll fealty, suit of court and the yearly rent of 2s. 2d. The said rent being in arrear a distraint was made, when the said Thomas Battams rescued the goods and assaulted the Bailiff.

152—167 **Returns** of the prices of corn.

1785.

52 Easter sessions. **Gaol calendar**:—Benjamin Firr, convicted of grand larceny and ordered to be publicly whipped and kept to hard labour for six calendar months.

81 27th August. **Information** of Ann Smith, of Blunham, widow. That she is a pauper of the said parish, and on 24th August she was gleaning in the common fields of Blunham, with Mary Emery and others. Whilst she and the rest of the poor people were gleaning after the cart of Matthew West, of Blunham, farmer, upon his lands in Mer Furlong, in Hanfield, in the parish of Blunham, they were obliged to sit down and leave off gleaning on account of a heavy shower of rain. That during the period as they were lamenting one to another that they must go home without their usual quantity of grain or gleaning, the said Mary Emery openly declared that she would not go home without her bundle, and that there was barley enough in the field lying upon the lands near to them, and that she would have some before she went home and not come for nothing. She then went upon the land of John Wilcher, another farmer in the said parish, and took a couple of lapfuls in her apron of loose or mowed barley and put it

into an open sack used occasionally for that purpose in carrying home their grain. When she was told it was Master Wilcher's barley she returned for answer "Is it Wilcher's" and said she would make her bundle somewhere else but never offered to replace the barley and took it home with her. She then went to Mr. West's land and took more barley. She appeared to this deponent to do it in a felonious and audacious manner, in defiance of justice and with a wicked heart purposely and designedly to defraud the said John Wilcher of his property and not in a wanton, jocose manner, or what is commonly called playing the rogue or in fun.

5th October. **Information** of Thomas Cook of Goldington, yeoman, for exercising the trade of a shoemaker without having been apprenticed thereto for seven years. 82

Account of William Clare:—For broth, &c., for four prisoners being ill with ague some time, 1*l.* 3s. 6d. 110

Account for work done at the County gaol, sessions house and bridewell: —For a pair of new handcuffs for the bridewell, 2s.; lined four rings for long links at gaol, 1s. 8d.; a key for an iron run lock in the jury room, 1s. 2d. 111

Account of John Howard, gaoler:—To attending the ventilator, 1*l* 5s.; for a brass pottage pot, 19s. 6d.; to tin ditto for prisoners, 3d.; publicly whipping William Furr, 10s. 6d.; nourishment for John Wynn whilst under condemnation, and wine, &c., &c., 8s.; to church fees to the clerk of St. Paul's for John Wynn, 3s.; paid the layers out, 4s.; paid the underbearers, 7s. 124

Account of John Howard, gaoler:—For nourishment such as wine; whey, cordials, poultices, &c., for Shilton, Fraser, Bird and Bunyan, 10s., to two gallons of vinegar to wash the wards, 4s. 131

Account of Jeremy Fish Palmer:—To writing 13 letters to the justices to attend at the next sessions to take into consideration the presentment of the grand jury at the last assizes respecting the building and repairing of the gaol. Drawing and fair copy style of order of sessions for gaoler's salary and for him not to suffer tippling or gaming in the gaol. Writing letters relative to the gaol and Bridewell being crowded by felons in hope that some method might be thought of for removing them. 137

Thomas Jefferey's **Bill** for repairing Bromham bridge and turning a new arch. 150

15th March. **Report** of the committee of magistrates of the counties of Chester and Lancaster appointed for taking into consideration the present mode of maintaining, conveying, and shipping vagrants in the said counties and for reducing the expenses attending the same. 175

1786.

27 Epiphany sessions. **Gaol calendar**:--Sarah Matthews and Mary Naughton, committed 17th October, 1785, on suspicion of wilfully setting fire to the workhouse at Maldon.

29 Epiphany sessions. **Gaol calendar**:—John Warwick, committed for stealing turkeys; to be imprisoned for one month and then publicly whipped at Bedford and Ampthill and discharged. Daniel Roberts, for stealing a parcel of straw plait sentenced to be imprisoned three months in the house of correction and then to be publicly whipped at Bedford and discharged.

31a Midsummer sessions. **Gaol calendar**:—William Rolfe, committed 23rd June for running away and leaving his wife and family chargeable to the parish of Hawnes. Ordered to remain six months and to be publicly whipped and at the expiration of the six months to be taken to Hawnes and again publicly whipped there and discharged.

72—104 22—25 August. **Certificates** of the conviction of divers persons for reeling false or short yarn.

105 9th November. **Certificate** of the conviction of Arthur Rocke of the parish of Woburn, carrier, for unloading from his waggon certain wares, goods or merchandize before the same came to the weighing engine at Puddle Hill tollgate in the parish of Houghton Regis, in order to avoid payment of toll.

133 **Account** of William Clare:—Paid the beadle of Bedford for publicly whipping Daniel Roberts 5s., &c. Broth, &c., for five prisoners being ill 1*l* 2s. Paid Mr. Bradley for candles for the use of the chapel at the bridewell, 2s. 2d.

156 Account of the same:—For a cart and horse to take Peter Linford to Harrold to be publicly whipped, 5s.

158 Account for work at the gaol and sessions house:—Mending the floors where the rats came in; making a new bedstead and mending the old, putting up shelves for the debtors, mending the chapel floor, dogs kennel and ventilator. For a coffin for the prisoner that died in the gaol and for wool and a cap, &c.

178 26th April. **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Luton to the town of Dunstable and a certain part thereof lying in the hamlet of Limbury in the parish of Luton from the boundary stump in Clay Lane to the end of the said hamlet of Limbury at that part of the highway near the east end of a close there called Caterpillar Close in the occupation of Joseph Gutteridge containing in length four furlongs ten poles and in breadth 20 feet and also in the hamlet of Leagrave in the Parish of Luton from the east end of the

aforesaid Caterpillar Close to the boundary way in the parish of Houghton Regis containing in length one mile one furlong and in breadth 20 feet are in decay and that the inhabitants of the said hamlets ought to repair the same.

26th April. **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Shefford to the town of Westoning and a certain part thereof between Ward Hedges and Pulloxhill near the directing post lying in the parish of Flitton, containing in length 60 yards and in breadth 20 feet, is in decay and that the inhabitants of the parish of Flitton ought to repair the same. 179

Midsummer sessions. The justices assembled at the general quarter sessions of the peace having taken into consideration the presentment of the grand jury of the condition of the county gaol and having resolved upon the necessity of enlarging the same by taking in the site of the ground whereon the gaoler's house and outhouses now stand as also to build cells above ground and to have a separate apartment for the sick and to have a separation in the place of confinement for men and women.—Notice is hereby given of such resolution and that the justices will at the next general quarter sessions would be ready to receive proposals plans and estimates relating to the same from any person. 189

13th December. **Letter** from T. Potter to Jeremy Fish Palmer :—A few days since, I committed to Bedford gaol one William White of Westoning for not finding security for the peace. The complainant is his wife Mary whom I have directed to call upon you either to exhibit articles of the peace against him or to make it up with him. I have not taken a formal recognizance as she is a *femme couverte* and a pauper. The man seems to have a savage stupid idea that he may beat his wife as much as he pleases, provided he does not kill her. Perhaps a little confinement may show him his error. 191

23rd December. **A return** of the officers and men in the Bedfordshire Militia. 192

Draft **letter** from Jeremy Fish Palmer to Lord————, There being no perpetual chairman of quarter sessions for Bedfordshire and the next sessions not falling till 26th April, your letter enclosing copy of an order of the House of Commons was sent to me as clerk of the Peace. 194

1787.

26th September. **Letter** from the Lords of the Council to the Earl of Upper Ossory, lord lieutenant of the county of Bedford, directing him to order search to be made for all straggling seamen fit for the King's service and cause them to be sent to the clerks of the cheque of his Majesty's yards at Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, Sheerness, Portsmouth, or Plymouth, or to the naval officer at Harwich or Deal according as those places shall be nearest to where such straggling seamen shall be found. 10

28 Epiphany sessions. **Gaol calendar**:—Henry Sanders, committed for running away and leaving his family chargeable to the parish of Leighton Buzzard and ordered to be publicly whipped at Bedford, to be kept to hard labour for six months and at the expiration thereof to be taken to Leighton Buzzard and there publicly whipped and discharged.

68 13th April. **Information** of Thomas Flanders of Little Staughton, carpenter, who says that he was employed by the churchwardens of Colmworth to repair the roof of the parish church, the leads of which were greatly decayed and were stripped off to repair the roof, and that Solomon Salford stole some of the lead.

74 20th December. **A return** of the officers and men of the Bedfordshire Militia; 272 were trained and exercised five days and 168 for 23 days.

103 **Account** of William Clare keeper of the house of correction:—Paid Spencer Howe for publicly whipping Thomas Watts and John Norton at Bedford, 5s. Expenses occasioned by Mary Dymock having the small pox in bridewell; for nurses, &c., 10s.

108 **Expenses** of William Clare. For mutton, broth, &c., for Uriah Johnson, John Stains and John Manning being ill, 7s. 6d.

122 **Account** of John Howard, gaoler:—To removing convicts to the hulks at Woolwich.

167 Mr. Stuart informs Mr. Palmer that he finds by Mr. Howard's book that the Bedford gaoler is entitled to 6*l.* for one transported convict, to 10*l.* if there are two, and to 4*l.* a head if more than that number.

1788.

23 Epiphany sessions. **Gaol calendar**:—Henry Shadbolt, convicted of grand larceny and ordered to be publicly whipped at Bedford and to be kept to hard labour for six months.

26 Easter sessions. **Gaol calendar**:—Joseph Whitamoor, John Odell and John Upchurch, committed on suspicion of behaving with cruelty and barbarity towards a mastiff dog belonging to John Sutton from which the dog languished for some days and is now dead.

60—99 9th May—12th June. **Certificates** of the conviction of divers persons for reeling false or short yarn.

17th November. **Certificate** of the conviction of William Collo of Dunstable, licensed dealer in gloves, by retail, for selling a pair of worsted gloves of the value of 1s. without a stamp ticket affixed thereto. 119

The like concerning Martha Heley of Leighton Buzzard. 120

A Return of the officers and men in the Bedfordshire Militia; 347 were trained and exercised for five days and 238 for 23 days. 121

Account for removing convicts to the hulks at Portsmouth. 149

Account of the clerk of the peace. Drawing order in April, 1786, respecting seven justices taking into consideration the presentment of the grand jury at the summer assizes and unanimously ordering the gaol to be enlarged by purchasing the house of John Howard and directing Mr. Blackburn the architect to be written to to view the same and to advertize for plans &c. Drawing order of resolutions of the justices to enlarge the gaol, to build cells above ground and to advertize for plans. Making four short orders and resolutions of the justices and amongst them, for a case to be stated for Mr. Mansfield's opinion. Drawing case respecting the building of a new gaol within two miles of the site of the old one to lay before Mr. Mansfield. Attending 24th October, 1786, adjourned sessions at the Swan when resolutions were made about building the gaol in Mr. Hensman's garden and treating with Mr. Southouse about the purchase of the same. Writing nine letters to the justices to know whether they intended to attend at the next sessions and sending each a copy of Mr. Mansfield's opinion respecting the building of a new gaol. Writing December 11th, 1786, nine letters to the different justices to acquaint them that Mr. Blackburne could not be ready at the next sessions but that he would be ready to attend with his plan if they would adjourn the sessions to about the middle of February. Writing Mr. Southouse to know what price he meant to fix for the sale of two acres of ground intended to build the gaol upon. Drawing order of sessions for the clerk of the peace to offer Mr. Southouse, 153*l.* 15s. for one acre and a half. Writing 31st May 1787, letter to Mr. Southouse with one sent by the crier for him to serve on Mr. Southouse in Essex. Writing Mr. Southouse to send his agent Mr. Hodgson of the Temple and writing Mr. Hodgson. 160

9th October. **A List** containing every district within the county of Bedford and the town of Bedford for which a separate and distinct collector or joint collectors of the land tax is or are now appointed. 197

1789.

22nd April. **Notice** to quarter sessions by Joseph Brook, Benjamin Reeve, Peter Bassett and John Grant, householders and inhabitants of Leighton Buzzard that the new building called the Meeting House situate near the Almshouses in the North End of Leighton Buzzard is intended to be used by them and others, protestant dissenters from the Church of England called Quakers, as a place of worship. 3

19—151 **Lists** of persons qualified to serve on juries.

162 Michaelmas sessions. **Gaol calendar**:—George Valentine convicted of stealing a quantity of faggots and other wood, value 1s., and ordered to be kept to hard labour for 14 days and before he is discharged to receive 50 lashes on his bare back.

198 10th January. **Certificate** of the conviction of Mary Austin of Eaton Socon of reeling short or false yarn.

199 4th February. **Certificate** by William Butcher, Thomas Fisher, Porkinton Braysher, Francis Bushby, William Clarke, and Thomas Roffe that they intend to use the house of John Dimmock for a place of worship for protestant dissenters called Baptists.

200 20th April. **Certificate** by John Harris, plumber, Robert Carey, surgeon, Joseph Barnes, rope-maker, and Samuel Handscomb, watchmaker, that they intend to use the house of Mrs. Sarah Edmunds in West Street, Woburn, as a place of worship for protestant dissenters.

202 22nd December. **A Return** of the officers and men of the Bedfordshire Militia; 400 men were trained and exercised for five days and 272 for 23 days.

230 **Account** for putting up boards in the arch for the judge at the sessions house, for stopping rat holes in the gaol, for putting spurs to the gallows, &c.

236 **Account** of Thomas Gadby. Account for inoculating three felons in the gaol, 1*l.* 11s. 6d.; for inoculating four prisoners in the bridewell, 2*l.* 2s.; and two prisoners in the gaol, 1*l.* 1s.

237 **Account** of William Clare, keeper of the house of correction:—Paid Spencer How for publicly whipping James Clare and Thomas Cook at Woburn, 10s. For extra attendance on four prisoners inoculated for the small-pox.

243 **Account** for repairs to that part of St. Neot's bridge belonging to Bedfordshire; stone, brick, iron and lead work.

249 **Bill** of the clerk of the peace:—Writing letter to Lord Sydney that some of the convicts might be sent to Botany Bay.

252—267 **Returns** of the prices of corn.

280 **Indictment** of Thomas Lucas of Woburn, saddler, for throwing alum, lime and other things used for dressing the skins of beasts into the stream of water in the hamlet of Birchmore in the parish of Woburn which supplies the inhabitants with water for the use of their families.

3rd July. **Bedford Gaol.** Letter from Craney to Mr. Hinson, attorney at law, Potton :—I should be very glad if you would be so good as to prevail with Mr. Masters to forgive me and to stop a prosecution against me as I am heartily sorry for assaulting him in so gross a manner, begging his pardon as I have Sir Philip's in the same manner, and I am willing to advertize myself in the public paper as I hope he will think of my nine weeks' imprisonment and locked down in the dungeon every night with the convicts. 284

1790.

Midsummer sessions. **Gaol calendar:**—Elizabeth Arnold, committed for stealing a quantity of plaited straw for "hatting," the property of Thomas Collett of Luton. 23

Midsummer sessions. **Gaol calendar:**—Thomas Walton, committed for riotously assembling in the parish of Ampthill and breaking the windows of the workhouse there. 24

2nd March. **Certificate** of the conviction of John Savage for cutting down underwood in the wood called the Great Wood in the parish of Odel, the property of Sir Rowland Alston, bart. 28

10th April. **Certificates** of the conviction of divers persons for reeling short yarn. 49—52

29th July. **Certificate** of the conviction of John Bandy for swearing two profane oaths. 58

5th October. **Certificate** by J. Whitbread that he has examined the workhouse in the parish of Shillington and the condition of the poor therein. He finds the building is in good condition and that there is a pest-house in the field belonging to it. The number of poor is 25. Their food, clothing, and the sheets of their beds are let by contract to Thomas Porter who keeps an alehouse about half a mile off. The victuals are dressed at his house and thence carried to the workhouse and the poor do not find fault with it. They have two shirts or shifts each. There are twelve beds in all and nine of them have only one pair of sheets and the poor lie without while they are washed and dried. The three other beds have two pair of sheets each but the coverings for the beds want addition and making good. There is necessity for more sheeting and coverings and more attention ought to be paid by the overseer who lives at a great distance and very seldom goes there and the whole is left to ——— Porter, the contractor, and the poor look upon him as their master. The parish pays him 15*l* a month, reckoning 12 months to the year, and he receives about 10s. a week for boys let out to farmers and about 20*l* a year for spinning done in the workhouse. He pays about 14s. a week to the poor out of the house and considering that his contract is for food, raiment and sheeting and if he does them justice and they do not complain he is not over paid. 59

He told me he chiefly feeds them on hog's flesh and sometimes he can buy a little bull and kill and sell it about the parish and reserve a part for the poor as he has lately done, but the poor told me they had only the head.

My complaint to the sessions is only about the linen and covering, but I beg leave to remark that it is a bad way of providing for the poor by letting them out in this way to contractors and I wish the Bench would recommend to the parish by their overseer, Mr. Taylor, to have a master to their workhouse and to feed them at home and to encourage them. Their poor rate is only 16d. in the pound which, compared with other parishes, is reckoned low, and as their parish was justly censured in 1787 when they buried no less than twelve by one sickness and was the cause of an application to Parliament for relief in such cases.

Their bread is made of wheat and rye and when well baked is not complained of but it was ill-baked this day.

67 **Account** of John Howard, gaoler, for removing two convicts on board the ship Neptune at Deptford, 10*l.* To gaol fee for removing nine convicts to Portsmouth at 4*l.* each, 36*l.* To expenses on the road to Portsmouth coach hire, guards, caravan, waterman and other expenses on the road, 22*l.* 10s.

78 **Account** for opening the vault in the sessions house for the masons to clean; for mending the boards in the ward where they beat hemp, &c.

98—105 **Returns** of the prices of corn.

115 14th July. **Certificate** by John Howard, gaoler, in pursuance of the statutes:—that felons and debtors are kept in separate wards, but there being only one yard they mix there. The gaoler does not lend, use, give away or suffer spiritous liquors in the gaol. A list of the fees payable by debtors and of the rules and orders for the government of gaols and prisons is hung up in the gaol. A clergyman is provided to officiate in the gaol.

14th Geo. III, c. 2, enacts that persons acquitted or discharged upon proclamation from want of prosecution shall be discharged immediately in open court and without fee. "To do this in open court an iron stock must be fixed in the sessions house in order to knock off their irons."

The walls and ceilings of the cells have been scraped and whitewashed since the last sessions.

The cells have been kept clean and are provided with fresh air by ventilators.

It is enacted that two rooms shall be set apart for the sick. This might be done now, there being only eight prisoners, otherwise there would not be sufficient room.

A warm and cold bath or bathing tubs are not provided.

A surgeon is appointed with a salary.

1791.

Epiphany sessions. "The magistrates of the county and town of Bedford being convinced of the ill tendency of stage fighting or boxing matches have resolved that public notice be given that they are determined not to suffer them to take place in the said county or town, and all persons are hereby warned to take notice thereof." Signed by Fish Palmer, clerk of the peace. 3

29th June. **Order** by Sir Philip Monoux and Philip Gery, Esq., justices of the peace, that the footpath leading from Langford End, in the parish of Temsford to the town of Temsford, may be diverted and turned out of the private land of Sir Gillies Payne, where it now runs across the turnpike road at the end of Langford End Lane, along the west side of the turnpike road till it enters into a close of the said Sir Gillies Payne, called the Lime Tree Close, and thence to be continued to the south end of the said close where it enters again into the said turnpike road, provided the said Sir Gillies shall well and substantially fence the said footpath from the turnpike road and make and form the same under the justices' directions. 8

29th June. **Order** by Sir Philip Monoux and William Gery, Esq. Reciting that upon view they found that a certain footpath in the parish of Temsford leading from Lambcourt End to Church End, containing in length 1964 feet and in breadth three feet, beginning at a stile in Lambcourt Lane and leading through Sir Gillies Payne's Wood Close to his White Gate at the end thereof, cannot be made commodious without diverting the same, and having viewed a course for the proposed new footpath through a close of the said Sir Gillies Payne, called the Lime Ground, and then along the west side of the turnpike road till it comes opposite Lambcourt End Lane and across the said turnpike road into the said lane, containing in length 2508 feet, they order that this shall be done and that Sir Gillies Payne shall well and substantially fence the said footpath from the turnpike road and make the same of the width of 8 feet. 9

Two justices, by an order of 23rd November, 1791, removed Moses Shaw and Susannah his wife, and their eight children, from the parish of Stotfold, in Bedfordshire, to the parish of Chilvers Coton, in Warwickshire. The sessions, on appeal, quashed the order and state the following case :— 18

Moses Shaw, the pauper, was born at Stotfold, in 1741. His father, who died about 20 years since, was then and continued till the time of his death a settled inhabitant of Chilvers Coton, and the pauper, Moses Shaw, has acquired no settlement in his own right except in the manner following :—

The said pauper with his wife and five children (none of whom nor any of the others have gained any settlement in their own right) was removed from the parish of Sandon under an order. The parish officers of Sandon took this order and the

paupers immediately to Stotfold and there delivered them with the order to the parish officer of Stotfold by whom they were received, and against that order there was no appeal. The pauper, with his family, has been ever since, till the present removal, occasionally resident in and relieved by the parish of Stotfold. It was then proved on the part of the respondents (after hearing counsel for the appellants who objected to the evidence as inadmissable, but which objection was overruled by the court) that the order of removal from Sandon to Stotfold, and the examination on which that order was founded, were in fact signed and taken by the two justices separately and not in the presence of each other, and that one of the two justices (Mr. Wortham), though a magistrate for the county of Hertford, took the examination and signed the order at his own house, situate in that part of the town of Royston which lies in the county of Cambridge, the town of Royston being partly in the county of Cambridge and partly in the county of Hertford.

36 Epiphany sessions. Sarah Smith, a prisoner in the house of correction, was committed for one month because she, being a servant of husbandry to John Bithrey, was guilty of divers misdemeanours and particularly of being very impudent and abusive to her master and disobedient to his orders.

37 Epiphany sessions. **Gaol calendar:**—George James Simonds, committed 24th November, 1790, charged on the affirmation of John Wiffin, of Westwood, a quaker, with breaking into his house and stealing ribbons and millinery.

38 Easter sessions. **Gaol calendar:**—James Bull, charged, on suspicion, with writing and publishing a letter of a treasonable and seditious nature.

John Robertson, Joseph Humphries, John Butterfield, John Pearson, William Fennell, James Manning, William FitzJohn, Timothy Dickerson, convicts remaining.

43 Michaelmas sessions. **Gaol calendar:**—Jabus Dry, Thomas Gilbert, and Samuel Phelts, capital convicts remaining.

68 12th January. **Certificate** by William Baker, minister, William Hill, William Smith, John Corby, Joseph Whitehouse and John Simmons, inhabitants of the town of Bedford, that they intend to use a building commonly called Mr. Hill's barn in his orchard, in the parish of St. Peter, and fronting Queen's head lane in Bedford, as a place of public worship by a congregation of Protestant dissenters usually denominated Independents, and praying that the same may be registered according to law.

92 11th August. **Certificate** by William Tansley and Thomas Dumvile that they intend to use the house of Thomas Churchman Dumvile, of Shefford, as a place of public worship for Protestant dissenters.

5th October. **Certificate** by John Howard, gaoler, that the orders under various acts for regulating gaols have been observed, except that where felons and debtors are required to be kept separate, they are kept in separate wards, but, there being only one yard, they there mix; also that where two rooms should be set apart for the sick, this might be done if there were not many prisoners; and that a warm and cold bath or bathing tub are not provided. 94

22nd December. **A Return** of the names and rank of the officers and number of men of the Bedfordshire Militia, viz.:—The Earl of Ossory, colonel; Francis Moore, major; Thomas Alston, John Payne, Richard Gilpin and Peter Payne, captains; John Clerk Docwra, captain-lieutenant; Richard Sawell, Andrew Lesley, Roger Price, Thomas P. Hankin, John Moore and Edward Trelawney, lieutenants; and John Moore, adjutant. 96

The Militia were trained and exercised 28 days from 1st May last. Four hundred were exercised five days, and 272 for twenty-three days.

Account of C. Dilby for advertising notice concerning boxing in the Northampton Mercury and Cambridge Chronicle, six morning and six evening newspapers, 4*l.* 4s. 0d. 100

Account for work done at the county gaol:—For iron bars for the dungeon, &c. 106

Account of William Clare, keeper of the house of correction:—Paid Spencer How for publicly whipping Robert Barns at Kempston, 5s. For three pounds of candles for the use of the Chapel in the bridewell, 2s. 2d., &c. 107

Account of Negus Easton and John Simens:—To repairing the chapel floor and forms and crib bedstead, &c. For a plank to the dungeon in the yard and cover for vault at the sessions house, &c. 110

Gaoler's account:—To removing Joseph Sylvester on board the *William & Ann*, transport, being at Deptford, 6*l.* To candles used in prison at locking up, 3s., &c. 113

Gaoler's account:—To conveying on board the ship *Pit*, lying at Gravesend, Joseph Humphries, John Robertson, John Butterfield, John Pearson, William Fennell, Timothy Dickerson, James Manning and William FitzJohn, 32*l.* To an extra expense from the Pool of London to Gravesend, not saving the tide, being obliged to remain on board the Gravesend boat one night, 2*l.* 15s. 116

Account for bricklayer's work done to Barford bridge. 118

Account of William Clare, keeper of the house of correction:—To mutton broth, wine, &c., for Thomas Barratt, he being very ill for some time, 5s. 6d., &c. 120

122 **Account** of the same :—Paid for hire of horse and cart when Thomas Norman was publicly whipped at Harrold, 5s. For whipping him, 5s.

133 **Gaoler's account :**—To a journey to Baldock with a reprieve for Samuel Phelts for the under sheriff to stay the execution, 12s.

142—153 **Returns** of the prices of corn, &c.

170 **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Eaton to Bletsoe, a certain part whereof, lying in the parish of Eaton Socon, containing in length from the White Gate at Bushmead Wood Corner to the bridge at the entrance of Cadberry Lane, one mile, and in breadth 20 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Eaton Socon ought to repair the same.

173 1st January. **Letter** addressed from Blacksfields, Southwark, from W. Hobson (?) to the clerk of the Peace, enclosing a proposal for executing the designs of his late brother-in-law, William Blackburn, who was engaged as architect for building the intended new gaol at Bedford.

174 1st January. **Letter** from the same to the justices of the peace, offering his services in the room of his late brother-in-law, the executing of whose designs. The writer continues, "I flatter myself I shall be enabled to do more accordant to his ideas and intentions than any other person, having been bred up in the architectural line, and enjoying, as I did, his unbounded friendship and confidence, which has been extended to his taking my opinion for almost every plan for a gaol that he has made. The knowledge of the subject I have thereby acquired (though far short of his) together with the access which I shall freely have to all his private papers and remarks, and having engaged the same clerks that were with him embolden me to offer myself on this occasion."

175 28th February. **Letter** addressed from the Land Revenue Office from John Call and John Fordyce to the clerk of the peace, asking him to take the earliest opportunity of assembling the magistrates or grand jury to lay before them the paper addressed to them relative to the state of the wood and timber in the county of Bedford.

176 **Paper of questions** referred to above.

1792.

22 Easter sessions. **Gaol calendar :**—Convicts remaining, Jabus Dry, Thomas Gilbert, Samuel Phelts, Stephen Hyde and John Hyde.

Michaelmas sessions. **Gaol calendar**:—Robert Chapman, charged with leaving his family chargeable to the parish of Luton. 27

"To be confined a month from next Monday, to be publicly whipped at Bedford next Saturday month, and to be publicly whipped next Monday month at Luton, and then discharged."

Information against Joseph Bunyan, of Caddington, labourer, for assault. 49

29th December, 1792. **Information and complaint** of John Cooper, son and agent of Mrs. Ann Cooper, of Sandy Warren, in the parish of Sandy. 51

That on 24th December, about 9 p.m., he set out from his mother's to take a survey of the said warren along the "posseseioning" (sic)* way in a place called Deep Dale, which parts the parishes of Sandy and Potton, with a view to look for snares set by poachers trespassing in the said warren. He complains of an assault.

4th July. **Certificate** by John Farey, farmer, John Studds, farmer, Henry Clarke, labourer, and J. Buttfield, dairyman, all of Potsgrove, that they intend to use the dwelling-house in the parish of Potsgrove in the occupation of John Farey, farmer, as a meeting house or place of assembly for religious worship for Protestant dissenters. 55

4th July. **Certificate** by Joseph Harris, glazier, John Keech, labourer, John Turney, butcher, and John Gurney, miller, all of Husbond Crawley, that the dwelling-house in Husbond Crawley in the occupation of Joseph Harris, glazier, is intended to be used as a meeting house for religious worship by Protestant dissenters. 56

Undated. **Certificate** by William Negus, John Woodham, Joseph Whitehouse, Nathaniel Woodham, Ebenezer Carit, and William Smith, that a building commonly called the Old Chapel in the George Yard belonging to Mr. Blackwell, in the parish of St. Paul, Bedford, is intended to be used as a place of public worship by a congregation of Protestant Dissenters, usually denominated Baptists. 57

3rd October. **Certificate** by the gaoler to the same effect as in bundle for 1791 (No. 94), except that the walls and ceilings have not been scraped and whitewashed. 58

24th December. **A Return** of the Bedfordshire Militia. The officers are the same as in 1791. The Militia were trained and exercised for 28 days from 30th September. Four hundred men were trained for five days and 276 for 23 days. 60

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* Procession-way.

72 **Gaoler's account**:—To nourishment for Stephen Hyde, suffering with ague and fever; finding him wine, whey, &c., 3s. Ditto for Philip Huckle and Richard Richardson; "finding them buttered ale, &c., with colds," 2s. 6d.

76 **Account** of John Simons. April 3rd:—For a coffin for Tobias Smith who was executed, 12s.; for cap and wool, 3s.; for repairing the gallows and seat in cart, 2s. 6d., &c.

79 **Gaoler's account**:—To refreshments and other nourishments for the prisoners for trial at Sessions House, finding them beer, bread and cheese and "oringes," 8s. 3d. Nourishments for Stephen Hyde, ill, and Tobias Smith and Philip Huckle, under sentence of death; finding them wine and two meals a day for three weeks, 18s. 6d.

81 **Account** of John Stewardson for smith's work done at the gaol:—For cleaning a brace of pistols and a blunderbuss, 2s., &c.

94 **Gaoler's account**:—6th August:—To removing and putting on board the *Fortune* hulk lying at Langston harbour near Portsmouth, six convicts, at 4*l.* each, exclusive of the expenses from London to Portsmouth, 24*l.* To expenses on the road from London to Portsmouth and Langston harbour; finding all necessaries for convicts on the road, guards and self, including coach hire, guards, caravan, waterman, whitesmith and coachman, being 76 miles from London at 1s. per mile each convict, 22*l.* 16s.

97 **Gaoler's account**:—21st September:—Paid eight days' subsistence to James Moreton, committed by Sir Philip Monoux on suspicion of being a deserter from the Foot Guards, 4s. 9d.

106 **Return** of the prices of corn, &c., March, 1791, to October, from which date returns were made by virtue of the New Corn Act.

107 11th June. **Presentment** that a certain horse and foot bridge situate in the parish of Biddenham called Bromham bridge, the same being a county bridge to be repaired by the inhabitants of the county of Bedford, is in decay. Also that there is another bridge, one-half whereof is situate in the parish of Eaton Socon in the county of Bedford, and the other half in the parish of St. Neots in the county of Huntingdon, and that that part of the bridge standing in the county of Bedford is in decay and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of the county of Bedford.

116 **Indictment** of Stephen Hudson, of Marston Moretaine, for driving certain sheep from the common pound in the parish of Marston Moretaine which were impounded for trespassing upon the common fields and commonable places in the said parish.

24th November. **Letter** from Lord Grenville, Secretary of State, to the Custos Rotulorum of Bedfordshire acquainting him that the King had commanded the writer to communicate to him the King's directions that it should be given in charge to the grand jury at the next quarter sessions of the peace for the County of Bedford, to enquire into and make presentments of all seditious writings published in the county that should come to their knowledge, in order that the authors, printers, publishers and distributors may be dealt with according to law. 120

1793.

12th March. **Order** by Sir Philip Monoux and William Gery, justices of the peace, that having upon view found that a certain part of a highway lying in the parish of Roxton, in the hundred of Barford, leading from the Chequers in the parish of Roxton into the road leading from the Great North Road to the town of Bedford, of the length of 460 yards or thereabouts, and of the breadth of 30 feet or thereabouts, may be diverted and turned so as to make the same more commodious for the public; and having viewed a course proposed for a new highway in lieu thereof through the lands and grounds of James Metcalf, Esq., leading from the street in the parish of Roxton nearly opposite the blacksmith's shop, through the stackyard and close, now in the occupation of William Freshwaters, and along the north side of a close, in the occupation of the said James Metcalfe, into the said road leading from the Great North Road to the town of Bedford, of the length of 340 yards or thereabouts, and of the breadth of 27 feet or thereabouts, and having received the consent of the said James Metcalf to the said new highway being made through his lands they therefore order that the said highway be diverted as aforesaid. 1

12th March. **Consent** by the said James Metcalfe to the proposed road passing through his lands. 2

Epiphany sessions. Thomas Crossley, committed to the house of correction for one month for entering the wood of Robert Dennis, Esq., of Kempston, called the Great Wood and damaging the underwood. 20

Lent assizes. **Gaol calendar**:—George Inskip stands indicted for felony and it appearing that he is disordered in his senses and incapable of pleading, he is remanded to the gaol. It is ordered that the sheriff shall deliver him to two justices of the peace for the county, in order that they may have him safely kept and locked up in some secure place in the said county, to be there kept and maintained in order to be cured, if possible. Order to the churchwardens of St. Peter's, Bedford, to which parish Inskip belongs, to keep him in confinement. 21

16th January. **Certificate** by William Rush, John Corby, William Smith, John Lilley, John Emery and Ebenezer Carit, that the building called Mr. Leach's forge shop, in Mill Lane, in the parish of St. Paul, Bedford, is intended to be used as a place of public worship by Protestant dissenters called Baptists. 53

56 10th July. **Certificate** by Francis Hens, minister, William Cheshire, Mary Hudnall, Daniel Ellingham and John Herbert, that the dwelling-house of Mrs. Mary Hudnall, situate in Totternhoe, is intended to be used as a place of public worship by Protestant dissenters called Baptists.

58 17th July. **Application** by William Stevens, John Groom, James Smith, "landlord," and Thomas Hopkens, for the registration of the dwelling-house of William Hill, of Upper Sondon, as a place of public worship [for dissenters?].

66 **Gaoler's account**:—To clothing Denis Brown removed from Newgate, and other prisoners by order of the surgeon; one coat and waistcoat, 12s. 6d.; breeches, 2s.; stockings, 2s.; two shirts, 11s.; flannel for sore leg, 1s. 4d., for D. Brown. One shirt for William Butcher, 5s. 6d.; shoes, 3s.; three shirts for John Daniel, T. Gilbert and Samuel Cambell, 16s. 6d. One shirt for Edward Dickinson, 5s. 6d. Ditto for John Austin, 5s. 6d. Three pairs of shoes, 7s. 9d. For finding Denis Brown three meals a day and one pint of beer, for ten weeks by order of the surgeon, at 7s. per week, 3*l.* 10s. To nourishment for the principal part of the prisoners "ill with exceeding bad colds; finding them mutton broths, wine wheys, ponnadoes, with wine, &c.," 18s. 6d. To nourishment for William Jones and William Ellibutt under sentence of death, finding them a dinner and beer each day, 13 days, 15s. 2d.

73 **Gaoler's account** for removing nine convicts to the hulks at Woolwich, 36*l.*

[The Sessions Rolls for 1794, 1795 & 1796 are missing.]

1797.

8 4th October. **Appeal** to quarter sessions of James Wood, D.D., rector of the parish of Marston Moretaine, against the proceedings of Charles Marion Wilstead, Edward Platt and Joseph Paurey, commissioners appointed by an Act of 36 Geo. III., intituled "An Act for dividing and enclosing the open and common fields and commonable lands within the parish of Marston Moretaine in the county of Bedford." The appellant conceives himself aggrieved inasmuch as the commissioners have not set out or appointed convenient or proper roadways whereby he may gather the tithes arising and becoming payable to him in the said parish. He complains that they have not set out any convenient road or way whereby he may gather the tithes arising upon certain lands in the said parish, lately part of two common fields called Haydon Field and Church Field, allotted to the Earl of Upper Ossory, and now in the occupation of the said Edward Platt, and that they have not set out a convenient road or way whereby appellant may gather and carry the tithes arising upon certain lands in the said parish called Sixhills Field, allotted and belonging to Richard Denis. Also that the commissioners have not set out or appointed any convenient road or way whereby he may

gather and carry the tithes arising upon certain lands in the said parish called Church Field, allotted and belonging to the Earl Spencer, and now in the occupation of John Kitchener. And that they have not set out any convenient road or way whereby he may gather and carry away the tithes arising upon certain woodland in the said parish called Adam's spinney and certain closes adjoining belonging to Bernard Dymock. And that they have not set out or appointed any convenient way whereby he may gather and carry away the tithes arising upon certain lands in the said parish in or near Church Field now or late belonging to Richard Ambrose Reddall, gentleman, and now in the occupation of the said Edward Platt.

22nd December. **Order** by Sir Philip Monoux and Francis Pym, justices of the peace. That having upon view found that a certain part of a footway in the parish of Blunham, leading through the grounds of Susannah Campbell, of Blunham, widow, from the south end of her new allotment northward through her present two white gates over her old enclosure, being in length 721 feet or thereabouts and described in the plan annexed, may be diverted and turned so as to make the same more commodious to the public, and having viewed a course proposed for the new footway in lieu thereof through the grounds of the said Susannah Campbell, being in length 772 feet or thereabouts and described in the plan annexed, and having received the consent of the said Susannah to the proposed new road, they therefore order that the said footway be diverted and turned through the grounds of the said Susannah Campbell from the south end of her new allotment northward in a curved line to the right . . . . , the highway by the ford to the street of the village of Blunham. And with the like consent they order that the ground and soil of the old footway, which runs wholly through the grounds of the said Susannah, shall be enclosed and taken and enjoyed for ever by her and her heirs in lieu of the land for the new footway. 10

The plan above mentioned. 11

Consent by the said Susannah Campbell. 12

4th October. **Gaoler's certificate** that the directions in the Acts for regulating gaols have been observed. 75

22nd December. **Certificate** by Sir Philip Monoux and Sir Francis Pym that the new footway out of the old footway leading from South Mills to the village of Blunham through the lands of Mrs. Susannah Campbell is put in good repair. 76

Account of R. Clements, constable :—To taking and keeping Mary Dowell two days and nights, self and assistant, 15s. Expenses for eating and drinking, 10s. 93

This document is marked :—" The justices think this too much, therefore allow one guinea only."

97 **Gaoler's account:**—To removing five convicts on board the *La Fortunia* hulk lying in Langston Harbour near Portsmouth, 20*l.*

102 **Gaoler's quarterly account:**—To finding broths, meat, white bread and other nourishment for George Room, 10s.

122 **Indictment** of David Smith, of Kempston, yeoman, for engrossing ten loads of wheat, value of 2*l.* 5s., a load of five bushels.

123 **Indictment** of John Sammons, of Eaton Socon, yeoman, for exercising the trade of a butcher without having been apprenticed thereto.

136 26th April. The commissioners of the Millbrook Enclosure beg leave to represent to the chairman and gentlemen of the Bench that they are attending the court in order to obtain the honour of a hearing in respect to the charge which has been brought against them by Mr. Griffiths at a former session.

137 12th July. **Letter** dated Silsoe from George Swannell (or Swannett), shoemaker, to the clerk of the peace. "Sir, I hope no offence but I made bold to inform you that John Carter, my apprentice, at the last quarter sessions informed you all that he was better than 18 years of age, and I have been informed that he was born in May in the year 1780, which cannot make him above 17 years of age. Sir, I have a great doctor's bill to pay for doctering him when he was lame and ill last winter. I cannot git a friend to pay the money, they know what a bad apprentice he is. They are determined if I are cast into prison has they are obliged to maintain me and my family has I have been ill these seven weeks and cannot do much work, but thank [God] my eyes are as clear as ever they were. I have been maintained by the parish ever since I have been ill. Sir, I have been perswaded to inform you to acquaint the gentlemen, if you please, that if he was a good lad he would yarn double the monney in the last year as was counted for me to pay, but I am shore if it must be done I must ley in prison. I hope the gentlemen will take it in consideration as Maulden officers intend to do all they can against me. Sir, I hope you will do all you can to-day for me if they come against me."

1798.

2 5th January. **Order** by the Earl of Upper Ossory and Edward Tanqueray, clerk, justices of the peace. Recites that Christopher Pryor, one of the surveyors of the highways of the hamlet of Stopsley, complained that there is a common highway leading from Hitchin to Dunstable, a certain part whereof, viz., so much thereof as lies between a certain place called Galley Hill Common and another place called Bedford Turnpike Road, 206 poles in length, one side of which last mentioned part adjoining to the hamlet of Stopsley, lies in the hamlet of Stopsley, and is to be and of right ought to be repaired by the hamlet of

Stopsley, and the other side of the same part adjoining the parish of Streatley lies in the parish of Streatley, and is to be and of right ought to be repaired by the said parish of Streatley. He also stated that the repair of such part of the said highway is very inconvenient to the hamlet and parish aforesaid, and prayed that such part might be allotted and apportioned for the repair thereof by the justices aforesaid to the said hamlet of Stopsley and the parish of Streatley, in the manner directed by an Act of 34 Geo. III., entitled an Act for the more effectually repairing such parts of the highways of this kingdom as are to be repaired by two parishes. It recites also that a summons was issued, by the said justices with a copy of the said complaint and the plan thereto annexed, to the surveyors of the highways of the parish of Streatley, or to one or either of them to appear to shew cause why the said highway should not be allotted and apportioned for the repair thereof. That James Robinson, one of the surveyors of the highways of the parish of Streatley, consented to the said highway being apportioned to the said hamlet of Stopsley and the parish of Streatley. The justices therefore order that the said highway shall be divided as follows, viz. :—That at the distance of 116 poles, measuring from the place called the Galley Hill Common in the hamlet of Stopsley, there shall be erected certain posts or stones marked or engraved thereon " Stopsley and Streatley " on each side of the said highway, and the whole of the said highway from the corner of Galley Hill Common the distance of 116 poles to such posts or stones shall be from time to time and at all times hereafter repaired by the hamlet of Stopsley ; and the whole of the said highway from such posts or stones to the place called Bedford Turnpike Road, being the distance of 90 poles, shall in like manner be repaired by the parish of Streatley.

Plan referred to. 2a

Epiphany sessions. **Prisoners** in the house of correction :—Elizabeth Newel, committed for three months for being refractory in the poor-house in the parish of Biggleswade. 31

Epiphany sessions. A list of persons convicted at Lent Assizes, 1797, and sentenced to transportation, hard labour in the house of correction, and of persons capitally convicted and reprieved :— 32

John Warren, attainted of felony and horse stealing for which he had judgment of death but was reprieved and sentenced to transportation for seven years.

James Ridley, attainted of felony and sheep stealing ; like sentence but received a conditional pardon.

John Tyso, convicted of grand larceny ; sentenced to transportation for seven years.

Thomas Westley, convicted of the like ; sentenced to be kept to hard labour for six months.

Michaelmas sessions. **Gaol calendar**:—William Goss and Marmer Wooding, capital convicts, convicted at the Summer Assizes, remaining. 38

65 6th July. **Certificate** by Thomas Chew and W. Emerton and John Proctor, housekeepers, that the dwellinghouse and premises of Thomas Chew, of Leighton Buzzard, is intended to be used as a place of public worship [for dissenters].

66 11th July. **Certificate** by John Ladds, of Tempsford, yeoman,—appointed by virtue of an Act of 35 George III., intituled "An Act for dividing and enclosing the open and common fields, meadows, pastures, waste lands and other commonable lands and grounds in the parish of Henlow in the county of Bedford," to be surveyor of all the public carriage roads by virtue of the said Act, set out and appointed through and over the said lands and grounds by the said Act intended to be divided and enclosed, and to cause them to be formed and put in repair—that all the said roads are completely formed and made good.

82 3rd October. Like **Certificate** by John Ladds, surveyor under the Act of 37 George III., for dividing and enclosing the common and other fields, meadows, &c., in the parish of Dunton, that the roads, &c., appointed under the said Act are completely formed and made good.

83 3rd October. **Certificate** by John M. Howard, gaoler, that the walls and ceilings of the cells have been scraped and whitewashed, and that the cells have been kept clean and dry and supplied with fresh air; that two rooms may be set apart for the sick when there are few prisoners; that a warm and cold bath are not supplied; and that a surgeon or apothecary is appointed.

87 **Account** of J. Kilpin for repairs to the County Hall:—

20th November, 1797. West of the front, two new standards and 29 new bars, one piece of top rail, 13*l.* 10s. 9d.; a new iron gate, 5*l.* 8s.; a box staple latch, catch and keep, 5s.; cleaning 77 bars, 1*l.* 17s. 6d.; repairing the top rail and piecing, 10s.

18th December, 1797. East of the front door:—Three new standards and 26 new bars and one piece top rail, 12*l.* 14s. 7d.; repairing iron gate, 10s. 6d.; repairing top rail and piecing, 10s.; cleaning 71 bars, two standards and 4 pieces, 1*l.* 17s. 6d.

1st January, 1798. Front gates.—Repairing a pair of iron gates, &c., 1*l.* 8s.

88 **Account** of William Clare, keeper of the house of correction:—To mutton, broth, &c., for prisoners being ill some time, and attendance, 7s. 6d. Three pounds of candles for the use of the chapel, 2s. 6d., &c.

92 **Quarterly account** of John Howard, gaoler:—To straw for the prison, 1*l.* 5s.; to attending to the ventilators, 1*l.* 5s.; to sweeping gaol chimneys, 2s.; to clothing and other necessaries for prisoners, 10s. 3d.; to publicly whipping Robert Lilley at Bedford, 10s. 6d.; the like to George Room at Dunstable, 10s. 6d.; conveying the said Room to Dunstable, 20 miles, 1*l.*; two dinners at Dunstable and drink, 4s. 6d.; to washing the chaplain's surplice, 2s. 6d.; mending shoes, finding thread and baking blankets, 4s.; to six pounds of candles for the prison, 4s. 9d.

Account of James Lesley, clerk of the general and sub-division militia meetings for the county of Bedford :— 100

2nd March. Attending a meeting at Woburn for assembling and balloting the supplementary militia of the hundreds of Flitt, Manshead and Redbournstoke.

5th March. Attending a meeting at Bedford for assembling and balloting the supplementary militia of the hundreds of Barford, Stodden, and Willey, and the town of Bedford.

8th March. Attending a meeting at Woburn for embodying the first division of this supplementary militia.

4th May. Attending a meeting at Woburn for embodying the second division.

Indictment of William Burbidge and George Porter, of Riseley, yeomen, for conveying John Hunt, being poor and impotent and suffering from the small-pox, from the parish of Risely to the parish of Southill, the said John Hunt having no legal settlement in the parish of Southill, and for leaving him chargeable to the said parish. 140

1799.

Easter sessions. **Gaol calendar**:—James Hughes, Joseph Simons, and Joseph Pendridge, capital convicts reprieved from death. 27

7th January. **Certificate** by Francis Hews, minister, Richard Gutteridge, William Cheshire, Thomas Hill, William Fossey, Joseph Rawley, and William Mayles, that the house of Joseph Rawley, of Westoning, is intended to be used as a place of public worship. 57

6th March. **Certificate** of the conviction of Susannah Seaton for delivering to Ann Neal, "putter out of wool," in the parish of Roxton, false reeled yarn. Fined 5s., being her first offence against an Act of 14 George III. for preventing frauds and abuses committed by persons employed in the manufacture of hats, &c. 62

17th July. **Certificate** of the repair of a part of the highway leading from Bedford to the parish of Wootton, situate in the parish of Kempston, beginning at a place called Scotch Gap and continued to the parish of Wootton for the length of 1947 yards and of the breadth of 30 feet. 71

17th July. **Certificate** by John Ladds—surveyor appointed under the Act of 36 Geo. III. for dividing and enclosing the open and common fields, meadows, &c., in the parishes of Blunham and Northill, to set out the roads through and over the lands and grounds in the hamlet of or township of Moggerhanger, Chalton, and South Mills in the parish of Blunham, and also over Beeston Leasow otherwise Beeston Leys in the parish of Northill—that the said roads have been completely formed and made good. 74

75 17th July. **Certificate** by James Humberston—surveyor appointed under the Act of 37 Geo. III. for dividing and enclosing the open and common fields, meadows, &c., in the parish of Campton cum Shefford, for setting out the carriage roads through the said lands—that the said roads have been completely formed and made good.

76 17th July. **Certificate** by John Ladds—the surveyor appointed under the Act of 37 George III. for dividing and enclosing the open and common fields, meadows, &c., in the parish of Dunton, for setting out the carriage roads, &c., through the said lands—that the said roads have been completely formed and made good.

77 17th July. **Certificate** by John Eyre, of Blunham—the surveyor appointed under the Act of 36 Geo. III. for dividing and enclosing the open and common fields in the parishes of Blunham and Northill, and for setting out the roads through the said lands in hamlet or township of Blunham—that the said roads have been completely formed and repaired.

78 21st July. **Certificate** that the inhabitants of the county of Bedford who stand indicted for not repairing a common bridge over the river Ouze called Barford bridge have not yet appeared or pleaded.

79 17th July. **Certificate** by Edward Platt—the surveyor appointed under the act of 36 George III. for dividing and enclosing the open and common fields and other commonable lands in the parish of Marston Moretaine, for setting out the roads through the said lands—that the said roads have been formed and put into sufficient repair.

80 9th October. **Certificate** by William Forsey—the surveyor appointed under the Act of 37 Geo. III. for dividing and enclosing the open and common fields, &c., in the parish of Southill, for setting out the roads through the said lands in the hamlets or townships of Stanford and Broom—that the said roads have been formed.

81 9th October. **Gaoler's certificate**:—That the walls and ceilings of the cells have been scraped and whitewashed, and that the cells have been kept clean and dry and supplied with fresh air; that two rooms may be set apart for the sick when there are few prisoners; that a warm and cold bath are not supplied; and that a surgeon or apothecary is appointed.

87 **Gaoler's quarterly account**:—"To providing every necessary for the support of the prisoners afflicted with fever; supplying them with brandy, port wine, sitters up; finding victuals and beer; oil and vinegar to wash the sick wards and supply a fumigating lamp with candles, rush-lights, ponadoes, sago, sugar, mutton broths and porter. Also each prisoner after recovered, ales and three meals per day. William Wilmot, two weeks; Samuel Hopkins, three weeks; 'young Godfrey,' near four weeks; Susannah Cooper being in a very low way was ordered beer and victuals for six weeks. Also meat, beer and tobacco for ten prisoners, not diseased, to prevent the infection, for 14 days, &c.

Similar **account**:—To removing on board the *Fortune* hulk lying in Langston Harbour, William Goss and Marmer Wooding, two convicts, at 5*l.* each. To coach hire, guards caravan, and other expenses to Langston, being 78 miles from London, 9*l.* 11s. 98

Midsummer sessions. **Gaoler's quarterly account**:—To finding victuals and other nourishment for sick prisoners. To two meals per day and nourishment for eight weeks for Thomas Ireland in a consumptive state, 2*l.* 6s. 8d. To bathing foul prisoners and finding soap, 3s. 108

22nd June, 1798. **Names of persons** and their teams drawing the Warwickshire Militia from Dunstable to Fenny Stratford, five carts and sixteen waggons. 111

Michaelmas sessions. **Account** of William Clare, keeper of the house of correction :—Paid for a horse and cart to Woburn with Thomas Ireland to be publicly whipped, being the second time, agreeably to the order of assize, 6s. ; whipping, 5s. ; eating, 2s. 6d. ; beer, 1s. 3d. 114

Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from Bedford through the parish of Bromham to the town of Newport Pagnell, co. Bucks., and that John Biggs unlawfully erected a certain building commonly called a water mill, with bricks, timber and other materials near the said highway, and caused the same to be set going. By reason whereof and of the appearance, noise, and motion of the said water mill and of the wheels thereof the king's subjects could not pass with their coaches, carts and carriages. The said John Biggs also erected another water mill with bricks, timber and other materials in the parish of Bromham, near a certain ancient highway [presumably the same highway] leading from the town of Bedford through the parish of Bromham to the town of Newport Pagnell to the nuisance of the King's subjects. 131

Indictment of Samuel Widdicombe, of Houghton Regis, yeoman, for violently assaulting with a horsewhip one Benjamin Knibbs, collector of the tolls for the repair of the highways, at a certain turnpike gate in the parish of Houghton Regis. 132

Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from Bedford to the parish of Wootton, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Kempston beginning at a place called Scotch Gap and so continued towards the parish of Wootton for the length of 1947 yards and of the breadth of 30 feet is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Kempston ought to repair the same. 133

Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the village of Southill to the town of Biggleswade, a certain part whereof lying in the hamlet of Broom in the parish of Southill, containing in length 500 yards and in breadth 40 feet is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the hamlet of Broom ought to repair the same. 134

135 **Presentment** that the common bridge over the river Ouze, commonly called St. Neots Bridge, lying in the parish of Eaton Socon in the highway there, leading from the town of St. Neots, co. Hunts., to the market town of Bedford, being a common highway, is ruinous and in decay, and that the inhabitants of the county of Bedford ought to repair the same.

136 **Presentment** that a common bridge over the river Ouze, commonly called Bromham Bridge, lying in the parish of Bromham, being the highway leading from the market town of Olney, co. Bucks., to the market town of Bedford is ruinous and in decay, and that the inhabitants of the county of Bedford ought to repair the same.

137 **Presentment** that a common bridge over the river Ouze, commonly called Great Barford Bridge, lying in the parish of Great Barford in the highway there leading from the market town of Bedford to the market town of St. Neots is ruinous and in decay, and that the inhabitants of the county of Bedford ought to repair the same.

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12 24th May. **Order** by John Osborn and Samuel Whitbread, justices of the peace.

Having viewed a certain part of a highway in the parish of Warden lying between Biggleswade and the village of Warden, beginning at or near a certain place called Doolittle Mills in the parish of Warden, and leading thence through the grounds of Robert Henry Ongley, of Old Warden, Lord Ongley, on both sides thereof except on a very small part of the south side thereof next to the village of Warden, which adjoins and passes by grounds belonging to the Earl of Exeter in the tenure of the said Lord Ongley until it joins and communicates with the village of Warden for the length of one mile two furlongs and one pole or thereabouts, and particularly described in the plan annexed; they find that it may be diverted and turned so as to make the same more commodious to the public.

They also find that a certain part of a certain other highway in the parish of Warden lying between the hamlet of Ickwell, in the parish of Northill, in the hundred of Wixamtree and the village of Southill in the same hundred, beginning at or near to the north side of a certain close in the parish of Warden, formerly called Stonehill's, and now called Dog Kennel Close belonging to the said Lord Ongley, and leading thence through grounds of and belonging to the said Lord Ongley on both sides thereof, unto and communicating with the said highway lying between Biggleswade and Warden, and leading by, through, and along a part of that highway unto and towards the north-east corner of certain other grounds of and belonging to the said Lord Ongley called Warden Warren, and thence through grounds belonging to the said Lord Ongley on both sides thereof, unto and into a certain other highway in the parish of Southill, at or near to certain cottages there called the Church Houses for the length of one mile and 37 poles or thereabouts, and particularly described in the plan annexed, may be

also diverted and turned so as to make the same more commodious to the public, into and into part of the same course as the course wherein the said highway before first mentioned is intended to be diverted and turned. And having viewed the course proposed for the new highway in lieu thereof, respectively through other the lands and grounds belonging to the said Lord Ongley, of the length of one mile and 33 poles or thereabouts, and of the breadth of 30 feet or thereabouts, particularly described in the plan annexed, and having received evidence of the consent of the said Lord Ongley to the said new highway being made through his lands, by writing under his hand and seal, The said justices of the peace order that the said highways and each of them respectively be diverted and turned through the lands aforesaid in manner aforesaid.

The **plan** referred to. 12a.

Consent by the said Lord Ongley (owner of the lands described in the above-mentioned plan through which part of a certain highway lying between Biggleswade and the village of Warden, and through which part of a certain other highway lying between the hamlet of Ickwell in the parish of Northill and the village of Southill are and is intended to be respectively diverted and turned, in consideration of the said several parts of the said old highways being sold and exchanged to him) to the making and continuing such course and highway through his lands. And also for the consideration aforesaid he consents and agrees to make and set out a certain public footway, beginning at and from a certain place called Doolittle Mills in the parish of Warden, and leading thence through his lands on both sides thereof unto and into a certain highway in the parish of Southill of the length of one mile two furlongs and 28 poles or thereabouts, and of the breadth of four feet, particularly described in the said plan. And for the consideration aforesaid and for the purpose of making the exchange and purchase of the soil of the said old highways in lieu of the soil of the said new highway equal and just, he consents to grant, appropriate and dedicate the said footway for the accommodation of the public. 13

16th July. **Order** of quarter session, that John Austin, convicted of grand larceny, be transported beyond seas, for seven years, as soon as conveniently may be, to such place as the Privy Council may direct. 17

13th December. **Notice** by John Knight, road surveyor, that at the next general quarter sessions to be held on 14th January, it is intended to certify to the justices acting for the county of Bedford, that the new roads within the parish of Harrold set out by the commissioners for dividing, alloting, and enclosing the said parish, pursuant to the Act lately passed, are formed and put into good and sufficient repair, fit for the passage of travellers and carriages. 29

The inhabitants of Harrold and others whom it may concern are requested to notice that if the justices allow and confirm such certificate the proprietors of estates within the said parish will be thereby exonerated

from any further charge for maintaining or repairing the said roads, and the same will come under the usual parish surveyors to be repaired at the expense of the occupiers within the said parish as they were before the enclosure took place.

45 Easter sessions. **Gaol calendar:**—Joseph Pendridge, Richard Morris, and William Bonwick, capital convicts, remaining.

48 **A list of persons** convicted at the Lent and Summer assizes, 1799, of transportable offences, and sentenced to transportation, hard labour, or confinement in the house of correction, and of persons convicted who afterwards received His Majesty's pardon on condition of being transported.

105 "11th day of the 4th month called April." **Certificate** by Richard Brown, John Frieth, Daniel Brown, Joseph Brown, and Christopher Pryor, householders and inhabitants of the town and parish of Luton, that the new building called the Meeting House, situate in or near Castle Street, Luton, is intended to be used by them and other protestant dissenters, called Quakers, as a place for divine worship.

107 16th July. **Certificate** by Philip Monoux and Edward Tanqueray, that a certain part of the highway in the parish of Wootton, beginning at a place called Long Lane and so continued towards the town or village of Wootton to the Church thereof for the length of 2134 yards and of the breadth of 30 feet, has been repaired.

108 7th October. **Certificate** by Thomas Lilburne, surveyor of the public carriage roads through the new enclosures in the parish of Elstow, appointed by the commissioners named in the Act of 37 Geo. III. for dividing and enclosing the open and common fields, common meadows, and other commonable lands and waste grounds in the parish of Elstow—that the said roads are in good repair and fit for the passage of travellers and carriages.

109 7th October. **Certificate** by Thomas Lilburne—surveyor appointed under the Act of 37 Geo. III. for dividing and enclosing the open and common fields, &c., in the parish of Southill, in the county of Bedford —that all the carriage roads have been made.

110 8th October. **Certificate** by John Farey, road surveyor, appointed under the Act of 36 Geo. III. for dividing and enclosing the common fields, common meadows, commonable lands, commons, and waste grounds in the parish of Maulden—that the roads appointed by the commissioners have been made.

112 7th October. **Certificate** by William Forsey—road surveyor, appointed under an Act of 37 Geo. III. for dividing and enclosing the open and common fields, meadows, lands, commons, and commonable places in the parish of Chalgrave—that the roads set out by the commissioners have been made.

Epiphany sessions. **Gaoler's quarterly accounts**:—To linen and other necessaries for prisoners; to finding wine, whey, and other nourishment for such prisoners, &c. 114

Easter sessions. **Gaoler's quarterly account**:—To publicly whipping Job Bottams at Ampthill, 10s. 6d., to chaise hire taking him there, horses, driver, toll-gate, self, and man's expenses, 1*l.* 3s. 6d. 127

5th September. **Gaoler's account** for removing on board the *Stanislaus*, lying off Woolwich, the following convicts, viz.:—Joseph Simmons, Joseph Pendridge, John Austin, and John Jones, alias Hughes, at 5*l.* each—20*l.* 144

Presentment that there is a highway leading from the parish of Broome to the village of Temsford, and that a certain part thereof in the hamlet of Hill in the parish of Old Warden containing in length 500 yards and in breadth 23 feet is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the hamlet of Hill ought to repair the same. 162

Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Bedford to the town or village of the parish of Wootton, and that a certain part thereof in the parish of Wootton, beginning at a place called Long Lane and so continuing towards the town or village of Wootton to the church there for the length of 2434 yards and of the breadth of 30 feet is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Wootton ought to repair the same. 174

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4th July. **Notice** by J. Farey, road surveyor, that at the next general quarter sessions to be held on 15th July, it is intended to certify to the justices acting for the county of Bedford that the new roads within the parish of Ridgemont set out by the commissioners for enclosing the said parish, pursuant to the Act lately passed, are formed and put into good repair. 7

The inhabitants of Ridgemont, and others whom it may concern, are requested to notice that if the justices allow and confirm such certificate, the proprietors of estates within the said parish will be thereby exonerated from any further charge for maintaining or repairing the said roads, and the same will come under the parish surveyors to be repaired at the expense of the occupiers within the said parish.

Notice, dated Luton, 12th January, 1801, by Leonard Sampson, that he and the commissioners will justify their conduct in regard to the Chalgrave Road Certificate at the next quarter sessions. 14

29 **List of persons** convicted at the Lent and Summer assizes, 1800, of transportable offences, and sentenced to transportation, hard labour, or confinement in the house of correction, and of persons capitally convicted, who afterwards received the King's pardon on condition of being transported.

32 Like **list of persons** convicted at the Lent and Summer assizes, 1801.

88 28th May. **Information** of William Knowles, of Luton, draper and dealer in straw hats, that about 17 score yards of straw plait were stolen from his house.

101 7th September. **Information** of George Sams, of Tottenham Street, in the parish of St. Pancras, co. Middlesex, one of the surveyors of the Hawkers' and Pedlars' Office, Somerset House.

That on 1st September, Daniel Sherman, of Dunstable, tailor, and James Luttley of the same place, toyman and dealer, together with divers others, to the number of twenty and more, unknown, riotously assembled and attacked the house of Thomas Hobbs, called the Red Lion, at Dunstable, with intent to forcibly rescue one Thomas Norris, who was then and there in the legal custody of George Nicholls, a constable of Dunstable, in company with informant and Henry Ramsden, another surveyor employed under the commissioners for managing the licensing duties on hawkers and pedlars, and arrested and confined under an Act of 29 Geo. III., c. 26, to regulate hawkers and pedlars. And also that the said Daniel Sherman and James Luttley, alias the Toyman, with other persons, threatened the said surveyors and incited and encouraged the said Thomas Norris to escape from justice; whereby and from personal fear and danger the said Thomas Norris was set at liberty and escaped from justice.

Other depositions on the same subject follow.

108 7th January. **Certificate** by John Knight—road surveyor under the Act of 37 Geo. III. for dividing and enclosing the open and common fields, meadows, commonable lands, and waste grounds and places in the parish of Harrold—that the roads set out by the commissioners are now made.

109 17th February. **Certificate** that the St. Neots bridge has been repaired.

112 14th April. **Certificate** by Lord Ossory and others, five of the trustees authorized by an Act of 17 Geo. III., intituled "An Act for repairing and widening the road from Stallgate Close at the south-west end of the town of Bedford to the town of Ampthill, and from the town of Ampthill to Woburn Park in the county of Bedford. And also the road branching out of the same in Kempston Field to the turnpike road leading from Hitchin to the said town of Bedford." And also authorized by a certain other Act of 36 George III., intituled "An

Act to continue the term and alter and enlarge the powers of an Act passed in the 17th year of the reign of his present Majesty, intituled "An Act for repairing and widening the road from Stallgate Close," &c., as above "except so far as relates to the road leading from the south end of Ridgemont Town to the entrance of Woburn Park at a place called the Red Lodges, and for making and maintaining a road from the south end of Ridgemont Town aforesaid through Husborn Crawley to the north end of the town of Woburn, and for discontinuing the said part of the said road leading from the south end of Ridgemont to the Red Lodges aforesaid, and also for discontinuing the highway from thence through the said park to where it joins the road leading from Woburn to Eversholt, all in the said county of Bedford" —that the Duke of Bedford has at his own expense caused to be made and completed a new road leading from the south end of the town of Ridgemont through Husborn Crawley to join the turnpike road leading from London to Northampton at or near the north end of the town of Woburn, in pursuance of the directions contained in the last mentioned Act.

15th July. The committee of magistrates appointed to consider the regulations for the management of the gaol and bridewell produced at the last general quarter sessions, and to determine when it should be necessary to remove the prisoners thereto, and to apply to the sheriff for that purpose, and who were also appointed the visiting magistrates of the said gaol, report as follows :— 113

That having viewed the new erected gaol and bridewell they are of opinion the following works were necessary to be immediately performed, and directed there being performed accordingly, viz. :—Iron rods to be fixed to the posts and chains of the haha behind the turnkey's lodge. Water to be laid by pipes into the gaoler's kitchen, and a small washing copper of 18 gallons to be fixed there. Iron grates to be fixed in the air holes of the upper story of the gaol. A table to be placed in the debtor's day room. The ground on the north side of the gaol wall to be levelled and fenced with a quick fence. A wash-house, a straw-barn, and other necessary buildings to be erected on the ground on the north side of the gaol wall according to a plan made by Mr. Wing. A desk to be provided for the gaoler in the chapel, and also a distinct seat for the condemned criminals. The two cells for refractory prisoners to be darkened leaving sufficient room for the circulation of fresh air, and rings to be placed in the walls. The loose stones in the gaol yard to be removed and the yards to be covered with fine screened gravel. Benches to be placed in the several yards. A proper movable machine to be made for the execution of condemned criminals in the turnkey's lodge. Every apartment of the gaol to be numbered and lettered. An iron roller to be provided. The Acts of Parliament and other things required to be painted and placed up in gaols, to be painted on boards and placed in each of the day rooms.

It appearing to the committee to be proper that the road in front of the gaol should be raised at least two feet, and that an arch should be made over the common sewer in Wells Street for the road to pass over, they have agreed with the surveyors of the parish of St. Paul,

Bedford, that on the surveyors performing those works the treasurer of the county shall pay to them for the same the sum of 15*l.*, and that the said surveyors shall be allowed to take for the proposed works such spare stone and materials, being on the south side of the gaol wall, as shall not be wanted for the use of the gaol.

The gaol being completed and made fit for the reception of prisoners, the committee certified the same to the sheriff who caused the prisoners to be removed thereto on the 18th June last, but the prisoners in the house of correction have not yet been removed.

The committee being of opinion that the clothing of the prisoners on their removal and the furnishing of the cells with proper utensils required the most immediate consideration, confined their attention to so much only of the proposed general regulations as related thereto. The committee are of opinion that each cell should be provided with an earthenware chamber pot, a mop, a broom, and a leather bucket (bedding and blankets having already been provided), and they have given directions to Mr. Wing to furnish those articles. That the clothing of the male prisoners before convicton should consist of a short coat or jacket, a waistcoat, and a pair of breeches of coarse cloth made with black and white wool, mixed, without dye, the breeches, waistcoat and sleeves of the coat to be lined either with flannel or coarse linen, two shirts, two pairs of stockings, one pair shoes, and one woollen cap.

That the clothing of the female prisoners, before conviction, should consist of a jacket and petticoat of the same cloth as the men but of a thinner substance, a flannel under-petticoat, two shifts, two pairs of stockings, one pair of shoes, and one woollen cap.

That the clothes of the prisoners, after conviction, shall be of the same material dyed in various colours. That each prisoner, on his or her admission into the gaol or bridewell, be stripped naked and washed in the bath in warm water. That all her or his own clothes be baked in the oven, properly ticketed and laid by to be returned when he or she leaves the gaol.

The committee have agreed with the Directors of the Bedford House of Industry to furnish all the clothing immediately wanted, except the shoes, and have agreed with Edward Jones, of Bedford, shoemaker, to furnish the shoes.

The committee have directed copies of such of the proposed regulations as relate to the gaoler, the surgeon, and the chaplain to be sent to them by the clerk of the peace, desiring them to make such observations thereon as may occur to them.

The committee are of opinion that the surgeon should attend the debtors as well as the criminals, which, at present, he is not obliged to do, and for which he expects an increase of salary.

The clerk of the peace has by desire of the committee made enquiry what salary is allowed to gaolers and their turnkeys in other counties, and the committee having considered thereon are of opinion that 180*l.* per annum is a proper salary to be allowed the gaoler as keeper both of the

gaol and bridewell, including the salary of a turnkey to be appointed by himself, but not to be a debtor under confinement in the gaol. The gaoler not to take any fees except such as are legally payable by debtors.

15th July. **Certificate** by J. Farey—surveyor of the public carriage roads in and through the new enclosures in the parish of Ridgemont, appointed by the commissioners named in the Act of 36 Geo. III. for dividing and enclosing the open and common fields, common meadows, commons, and waste lands in the parish of Ridgemont—that the said roads are in good repair. 114

Memorandum of conviction for taking turnips from a piece of enclosed lands in the common fields of Stagsden. 115

1st October. **Certificate** by Edward Tanqueray and William Mead, that they have viewed a certain part of the roads or highways in the parish of Houghton Regis leading thence towards the village of Sundon, and lying between a certain place called Houghton Gap and the village of Houghton Regis, containing in length 1400 yards and in breadth 40 feet. And also a certain other part of the said roads or highways in the parish of Houghton Regis, leading from the village of Houghton Regis towards the market town of Toddington, being in a certain place there called Bedwell Wash Brook and the boundary dividing the parishes of Houghton Regis and Chalgrave, and containing in length 1000 yards and in breadth 40 feet, and have found the same repaired and amended. 116

6th October. **Certificate** by Joseph Howell and Olliffe Seabrook—surveyors of the public carriage roads through the new enclosures in the parish of Caddington, in the counties of Bedford and Hertford, appointed by the commissioners named in an Act of 38 Geo. III. for dividing and enclosing the open and common fields—that such parts of the said roads as lie in the county of Bedford are made fit for the passage of travellers and carriages. 118

7th October. **Report** of the visiting magistrates of the gaol :— 120

They have ordered the pumps in the felons' and house of correction yards to be removed from the places where they are now fixed to the centre of the yards, and that spikes be placed on the pumps in the other yards to prevent the prisoners climbing over. That spouts be placed under the eaves of the tiling of the gaol. That proper cisterns be placed to hold a sufficient quantity of water for the use of the gaol, and that one or more waste pipes be provided to carry off the superfluous water into the common sewer. That the iron gates opening into the debtors' ward may be altered so as the gaoler may be able to lock and unlock them on each side.

That the iron gates on each floor separating the gaoler's house from the gaol, be boarded, so that the prisoners may not be able to see into the house, leaving such places to open as may be necessary for the gaoler to see

through. That the windows in the gaoler's house be altered so as to open and shut with ease, and that fastenings be fixed thereto. That a porch or covering be placed over the gaoler's outer door, and a weather boarding over the cellar windows. That the windows on the north side of the turnkey's lodge be glazed and the iron door on the same side be boarded.

That curtains be provided for all the doors of the chapel. That a movable covering be made over the well of the chapel, and that a prayer book and bible be provided for the use of the chapel. That a covering be made over the bells affixed to the turnkey's lodge and gaoler's house. That a flag pavement of Yorkshire stone be made from the lodge to the gaol. That a hand-bell be provided to give notice of the locking up of the prisoners. That the benches in all the day-rooms and yards be so fastened that they cannot be pulled up, and that the benches in the yards be moved further from the fence.

That the machine for executing criminals be taken down after it has been used and kept on the top of the lodge, and that a tarpaulin be made to preserve it from the weather.

The surveyors of St. Paul's having stated that to make the arch in Well Street and to raise the road in front of the gaol two feet and to level the ground in front of the gaol properly will be attended with an expense of 50*l.*, and having proposed to do those works for that sum upon being allowed the materials on the ground and to take such as may be found at the back of the gaol, the committee have agreed with the said surveyors that on the above works being completed by them according to their proposal, that they be allowed and paid the sum of 50*l.* instead of 15*l.* as formerly proposed, and that they be allowed such materials as may be found on the ground on the outside of the gaol wall towards completing the same.

The committee have ordered that all the prisoners in the gaol and bridewell be employed in such business as they have been accustomed to or in beating hemp, and that the gaoler provide what is necessary for that purpose.

The committee have also ordered that the common sewer be continued down King's Ditch below the last house there, and that a small branch of the common sewer running eastward be bricked as far as a small wooden foot-bridge there. That an iron railing be fixed round the top of the turnkey's lodge, where it is intended that condemned criminals shall in future be executed. A staircase to be made to the top of the lodge, instead of the ladder now placed there.

The committee having taken into consideration the regulations proposed for the management of the gaol, and having made some alterations, which appeared to the committee necessary and proper, recommend that the regulations, so altered, be adopted.

121 7th October. **Certificate** by Samuel Whitbread and James Webster, justices of the peace, that they have viewed a certain part of the ancient highway in the hamlet of Beeston in the parish of Northill, containing in length 160 perches and in breadth 20 feet, and find the same has been repaired.

10th November. **Conviction** of James Oliver, of Leighton Buzzard, on the information of John Ireland, of Newman Street, Marylebone, gent., under the Act of 24 Geo. III., for granting to the King duties on horses kept for riding and drawing certain carriages—for keeping a mare which at Leighton Buzzard, he entered to start and run for a plate, prize, sum of money or other thing, to wit, for a saddle and bridle, and did actually run the said mare therefor, he not having paid the duty of 2*l.* 2s. for the mare for one year previous to such starting to the clerk of the course, book-keeper, or other person authorized to receive it. 122

Oliver, confessing the premises, is fined 20*l.*, reduced to 10*l.*, to be divided as the Act directs, and a further sum of 5*l.* 5s. to Ireland for his costs and charges.

Same date. Similar **conviction** of James Gutteridge, of Luton, yeoman. 123

Same date. Similar **conviction** of Thomas Deverell, late of the parish of Leighton Buzzard, gentleman. 124

Account of William Clare, keeper of the house of correction: Paid Mr. Rayment for horse and cart when he had Sharman to be publicly whipped at Biggleswade, 6s.; paid duty, 1s. 9d.; for whipping, 5s., &c. 130

Abstract of the amount of the Treasurer's disbursements for the county of Bedford for one year, from Easter sessions, 1800, to Easter sessions, 1801. 139

Apothecary to gaol and bridewell, 20*l.*; bridewell, 161*l.* 15s. 6½d.; master of bridewell, 20*l.*; bridges, 190*l.* 18s.; clerk of the peace, 10*l.*; cryer of the court, 3*l.*; coroners, 38*l.* 13s.; conveying to prison, 37*l.* 6s. 1d.; new county gaol, 2,000*l.*; gaol, 255*l.* 5s. 4½d.; gaoler, 100*l.*; ditto for transports, 20*l.* 1s.; disbursed on Militia account, 1,213*l.* 1s. 3d.; paid Minnard for his cottage as porter, 45*l.*; ordinary of gaol and bridewell, 40*l.*; prosecutors and witnesses, 78*l.* 18s.; printing, 18*l.* 19s. 6d.; returns of the prices of corn, 9*l.* 2s.; sessions house, 114*l.* 19s. 3½d.; stamps, 2*l* 2s. 5½d.; letters and parcels, 1*l.* 5s. 3½d.; Treasurer, 20*l.*; removing of baggage, 81*l.* 9s.; conveying vagrants, 125*l.*; apprehending ditto, 2*l.*; relieving ditto, 9*l.* 17s. 7d. Total, 4,618*l.* 13s. 4½d.

Quarterly account of John Howard, gaoler. 154

19th July. Removing John Britton, charged with felony (he being a lunatic) to Keyston, Hunts., 28 miles, 1*l.* 8s.

22nd July. By order of the surgeon, sitters up with John Brown while under sentence of death, with beer, wine, meat, broths, tea, &c., 2*l.* 3s. 6d.

1st August. Execution of John Brown and William Pepper; executioner's eating and drinking, burial fees, carriers and assistants to the grave, beer and eating, 18s. 9d.

14th September. Post chaise to Luton and expenses for publicly whipping William Bunyan, 3*l.* 11s.

198 **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the village of Copley to the town of Biggleswade, a certain part whereof lying in the hamlet of Beeston in the parish of Northill, containing in length 160 perches and in breadth 20 feet is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Beeston ought to repair the same.

200 **Presentment** that, by an Act of 36 Geo. III., intituled "An Act for dividing and allotting the common and open fields, common meadows, commons, and waste lands within the parish of Houghton Regis in the county of Bedford," commissioners were appointed to set out all such public roads or highways, private roads and ways in and over the new division, and allotments to be made as they should think fit, and the said commissioners were required by writing under their hands to appoint surveyors of the said public roads, and such surveyors should cause the same to be performed and put into good and sufficient repair, and John Farey was appointed surveyor. And that a certain part of the same roads or highways in the parish of Houghton Regis so set out and appointed by the said commissioners, leading from the village of Houghton Regis towards and into the village of Sundon, lying between a certain place called Houghton Gap and the village of Houghton Regis, and containing in length 1,400 yards and in breadth 40 feet. And also a certain other part of the said roads or highways in the said parish of Houghton Regis so set out and appointed, leading from the village of Houghton Regis towards the market town of Toddington, lying between a certain place called Bidewell Wash Brook and the boundary dividing the parishes of Houghton Regis and Chalgrave, and containing in length 1000 yards and in breadth 40 feet —are very ruinous for want of being completely formed, made good and repaired.

201 5th May. **Letter** from George Cloake to the justices of the peace.

I have examined the several works done in building the county gaol, and compared them with the descriptive particular made out for the execution and performance of the same. I find some things not done —the iron bars to stairs of lodge; the turnstiles; the lead and blocking to flat of lodge want setting to rights; the painting and whitewashing to be finished; but I should advise them to be left for a month as the gaol is not in a fit state to do them, the walls not being sufficiently dry. It would be of great service were every aperture that has glass every day kept open. I think the gaol, with such due attention, might be fit to receive prisoners in six weeks. Where there are grates fixed fires would be of service.

In respect to the works, the contractor has done his duty strictly and beyond what might have been expected, under the nature of the particulars. I must add also that he has made the lower passages five feet instead of four feet six inches wide, and the inner walls two bricks thick instead of 1½ brick thick, and it is as well he has done so, as I think that thickness would not have been sufficient to have received the arches.

205 Various copies of the "London Gazette" and the "Northampton Mercury."

1802.

13th January. **Order** at quarter sessions that all the poorhouses belonging to the parish of Langford be properly repaired, paved, whitewashed, glazed with casements made to open for the purpose of ventilation; the ground about them drained so as to prevent the floors being damp, and a stagnation of water in their neighbourhood. 1 and 2

The court confirms the order of the justices for the repair of the workhouse and provision of furniture and apparel for the paupers inhabiting the said workhouse, and strongly enjoins it to the parish officers of the said parish to pay more strict attention to the situation and necessities of the poor in order to eradicate the present contagion, to prevent its recurrence, and to rescue themselves from the disgrace of a system of management so cruel and oppressive to the poor and so burthensome and unsatisfactory to those who contribute to their relief.

The court further orders that the parish officers shall attend at the next general quarter sessions of the peace to report upon the then state and condition of the poor.

13th January. **Order** at quarter sessions, that the parish officers of the parish of Houghton Conquest do forthwith put the poorhouses of the said parish in a state of repair in every respect fit for human habitation, and do attend at the next general sessions of the peace to report upon the then state and condition thereof. 3 and 3a

13th January. **Order** at quarter sessions, that the parish officers of the parish of Hawnes do forthwith cause the different poorhouses and workhouses of the said parish to be put in repair and made in every respect fit for habitation. 4

To provide clothes for the paupers in the workhouse, bedsteads and bedding, with a change of linen for each bed, tables, forms, wooden bowls and platters with wooden spoons, and a sufficient quantity of fuel for their use.

The court further orders the parish officers of the said parish to attend at the next general quarter sessions of the peace with a detailed account of their proceedings under this order.

21st April. **Order** by Samuel Whitbread and James Osborn (who viewed the several highways described in the plan annexed, and made an order for diverting the old highways, and being satisfied that the new highway therein described is properly made), that the said old highways, that is to say, the old highway in the parish of Warden, lying between Biggleswade and the village of Warden, beginning at or near a certain place called Doolittle Mills in the parish of Warden, and leading thence through the grounds of Lord Ongley, of Old Warden, on both sides thereof, except a very small part of the south side thereof next the village of Warden, which adjoins to and passes by grounds belonging to the Marquis of Exeter, in the tenure of the said Lord Ongley, until it joins with the village of Warden, being 6

of the length of one mile, two furlongs, and one pole, and of the breadth of 20 feet "upon a medium." And also the old highway in the parish of Warden, lying between the hamlet of Ickwell in the parish of Northill and the village of Southill, beginning at or near the north side of a certain close in the parish of Warden, formerly called Stonehills and now called Dog Kennel Close, belonging to the said Lord Ongley, and leading thence through grounds belonging to the said Lord Ongley on both sides thereof, unto and communicating with the aforesaid highway lying between Biggleswade and Warden, and leading by, through, and along a part of that highway to and towards the north-east corner of certain other grounds of and belonging to Lord Ongley called Warden Warren, and thence through grounds belonging to Lord Ongley on both sides thereof, to and into a certain other highway in the parish of Southill, at or near certain cottages there, called the Church Houses, for the length of one mile and 37 poles, and of the breadth of 20 feet, "upon a medium," as appears by the said plan—be stopped up.

It also appearing to the said justices that a certain highway in the parish of Warden lying between the said place called Doolittle Mills and the village of Southill, being so much of the said highway first described and ordered to be stopped up as lies between the aforesaid place called Doolittle Mills, and the place where it joins and communicates with the said highway secondly above described and also ordered to be stopped up, and also so much of the last mentioned highway as extends thence to the other highway in the parish of Southill at or near the said cottages called Church Houses for the length of one mile, four furlongs, 24 poles; and also that a certain highway in the parish of Warden lying between the aforesaid place called Doolittle Mills and the village of Ickwell, being so much of the highway first above described as lies between the said place called Doolittle Mills and the place where it joins and communicates with the other highway secondly above described, and also so much of the last mentioned highway as extends thence to the said new highway for the length of six furlongs and 28 poles. And also that a certain other highway in the parish of Warden lying between the hamlet of Ickwell and the village of Warden, being so much of the said highway secondly above described as lies between and beginning at or near the north side of the aforesaid close in the parish of Warden called Stonehills, and the place where it joins and communicates with the other highway first above described; and also so much of that highway as extends thence to the village of Warden for the length of six furlongs and 20 poles—are respectively unnecessary, and may be diverted and turned into the said new highway, and the charge of repairing thereof be saved to the parish of Warden.

And also that a certain highway in the parish of Warden lying between the village of Warden and the village of Southill, being so much of the said highway first above described as lies between the village of Warden and the place where it joins and communicates with the other highway secondly above described; and also so much of that highway as extends thence to the place where it joins and communicates with the said other highway in the parish of Southill for the length of seven furlongs and 12 poles is also unnecessary, and may, by stopping up the

same, be diverted and turned into a certain other old highway lying between the village of Warden and the village of Southill, also described in the said plan, and the charge of repairing thereof be saved to the parish of Warden. They also order that the said other highways, so appearing to be unnecessary be stopped up, and the land and soil thereof be vested in the said Lord Ongley.

Plan mentioned above. 7

Another **plan**, apparently connected with the foregoing. 8

8th September. The magistrates assembled at their petty sessions at Biggleswade directed the following report to be made to the justices assembled at their next general quarter sessions of the peace for the county of Bedford :— 13

That in pursuance of the several statutes in that case made and provided, the magistrates appointed Dingley Garrard, of Bedford, inspector of weights and measures for the hundreds of Biggleswade, Clifton and Wixamtree.

That upon the information of the said inspector they have convicted 87 persons within the said hundreds for having in their possession false weights, balances, and measures.

That as it did not appear a similar inspection had ever before been made within the said district, the magistrates, presuming ignorance in all such persons against whom such informations were exhibited, fined each in the lowest penalties allowable by law and took away the defective balances, weights, and measures.

That the fines, together with the sale of the articles, have produced a gross sum of 56*l.* 8s. 8½d.

That the expenses attending the inspection have amounted to 23*l.* 16s. 9d., and there remains to be paid into the hands of the treasurer of the county the sum of 32*l.* 11s. 11½d.

The magistrates take occasion to give the public notice, that, as it will be impossible for the inhabitants of the said hundreds to plead ignorance in any future case of delinquency, they shall think it their duty to publish the names of all persons hereafter convicted before them for having in their possession false weights, balances, and measures.

12th November. **Information** of Thomas Woodard, of Battlesden, servant. 70
That on 12th November, being in the Cow Fair at Dunstable on business, he saw John Baldwin, with other persons, playing at an unlawful game, called "Pricking in the Belt or Garter," and through the persuasions of the said Baldwin informant did bet two guineas which he paid to the said Baldwin. He afterwards bet two guineas more which he also paid to the said Baldwin. That immediately on losing the last two guineas, prisoner Baldwin and his companions took up their stool or table with their garter or belt and went away, and informant went to an inn in Dunstable, where his master, Captain

Moore, was, and informed him of what had happened. He attended his master and the constable to search for the prisoner and found him and a party with a table and a belt or garter, and the said Baldwin was then in the act of drawing the said belt or garter.

72 20th December. **Information** of Mary Hawkins, of Cadington. That having sold some straw plait to Mr. James Buttfield, she went to a public house at Luton to receive her money, and whilst she was in the parlour where Mr. Buttfield was paying for several parcels of plait which he had purchased, she saw Sarah Mardle take a parcel of plait from the table, put it under her cloak, and take it out of the house.

73 **Information** of George King, one of the constables of the township of Luton. That whilst Sarah Mardle was in his custody she said that Mr. Buttfield's plait was under a stall on which hog puddings were sold.

76 15th April. **Certificate** by Samuel Whitbread and Robert Hele Selby Helby, clerk, justices of the peace, that the windmill which was erected near a certain road or highway leading from Bedford to Kimbolton, co. Huntingdon, and for the erecting and continuing of which John Carrington, of St. Paul's, Bedford, was indicted and pleaded guilty, is taken down and removed.

77 17th April. **Certificate** by Alexander Wallace, surveyor of the public carriage roads through the new enclosures in the lordship of Toddington and hamlet of Chalton in the parish of Toddington, appointed by the commissioners under the Act of 37 George III., for dividing and enclosing the open and common fields, meadows, commons, and waste grounds in the lordship of Toddington and hamlet of Chalton in the parish of Toddington, that the said roads are now in good repair.

80 14th April. **Certificate** by F. Hewes, minister, James Rushmore, James Field, Joseph Hagger, Samuel Field, Samuel Field, junior, John Teddey, Stephen Taylor, Samuel Gatward, Samuel Rudd, Caleb Young, and Seabrook Hill, that the new erecting edifice or building called the Meeting House, situate in Rosemary lane in Luton aforesaid, is intended to be henceforth used by them and others, protestant dissenters from the Church of England, as a place for divine worship.

81 14th April. **Certificate** by F. Hewes, minister, James Fowler, Elizabeth Fowler, John Holdstock, Mary Holdstock, John Spring, Richard Marting, Henry Dale, Sarah Dale, Hannah Kingham, Ann Hallworth, William Fowler, and Hannah Fowler, that the dwelling house of John Holdstock, the property of James Fowler, situate in Toddington, is intended to be used by them and others, protestant dissenters from the Church of England, as a place for divine worship.

27th April. **Certificate** by Alexander Wallace, surveyor of the public carriage roads through the new enclosures in the parish of Toddington and hamlet of Chalton in the parish of Toddington, appointed by the commissioners under the Act of 37 Geo. III., for dividing and enclosing the open and common fields, meadows, commons, and waste grounds in the lordship of Toddington and hamlet of Chalton—that all the said roads set out by the said commissioners are in good and sufficient repair. 82

28th April. **Certificate** by Philip Monoux and Francis Pym, that the roads and highways over the lands and grounds directed to be divided and enclosed, by an Act of 38 Geo. III. for dividing and enclosing the several open and common fields, meadows, pastures, warrens, &c., in the parish of Sandy, are completely formed and made good. 83

4th October. **Certificate** by Wollaston Pym and Francis Pym, justices of the peace, that they have viewed that part of the highway leading from the High North Road towards and unto the town of Dunton, which lies in the parish of Edworth, which now stands indicted as being out of repair, and find the same is now in good and sufficient repair. 85

Gaoler's certificate. 86

Militia returns. 87

Letter by F. Hewes, minister, James Rushmore, Samuel Gatward, John Teddey, Joseph Hagger, George Brett, Samuel Rutt, J. Field, Samuel Field, and Seabrook Hill, to Mr. Nega (?), requesting him to register the estate of Mr. Rushmore, of Luton, situate in Luton, consisting of three tenements joining and a yard, designed as a place of worship. 89

Account of John Howard, gaoler :—Finding William Potts, in a dangerous fever, port wine, 16 bottles, and one pint ponadoes and brandy, mutton and broths, nurse and glysters, for six weeks, 8*l.* 5s. ; to board and ale after the fever for two weeks, 17s. 6d. Finding Thomas Edwin poultices twice per day for six weeks, 1*l.* 4s. ; also finding him port wine, eight bottles, ponadoes, broths, teas, and nourishments, with nurse, &c., until his death, 7*l.* 4s. Finding George Saby, wine, whey, ponadoes and other nourishment, 16s. 6d. Finding William Tysoe and Thomas Roberts ponadoes, nourishments (?), nurses, drink, oil, vinegar, and fumigating lamp used in the infirmary, 9s. 103

Gaoler's account :—To whipping David Johnson at Bedford, 10s. 6d. ; to prisoners' shaving and hair cutting, 10s. 6d. 137

Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the village of Langford towards and unto the village of Dunton, a certain part whereof, lying in the parish of Edworth, containing in length 2,520 yards and in breadth 16 yards and a half, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Edworth ought to repair the same. 150

153 23rd July. **Application** by William Inskip, one of the surveyors of the highways of the parish of Northill, to Samuel Whitbread, Esq., and James Webster, clerk. He states that there is a common highway leading from Biggleswade Bridge to Old Warden, a certain part whereof, that is to say, so much as lies between Biggleswade Bridge and Doolittle Mills, being in length one mile, six furlongs, four poles, one side of which last mentioned part of the said highway, adjoining to the parish of Northill, lies within the parish of Northill, and ought to be repaired by the said parish, and the other part of the same highway, adjoining the parish of Old Warden, lies within the parish of Old Warden, and ought to be repaired by that parish. He states that the want of repair of the said highway is very detrimental to the said parishes. He therefore prays that such part of the said highway may be allotted to the parishes of Northill and Old Warden to repair.

156 **Indictment** of John Covington, of St. Peter's, Bedford, yeoman, for erecting in the parish of Ravensden two windmills near a certain road and common highway leading from Bedford to Kimbolton, co. Huntingdon, and thereby obstructing the King's subjects from passing with their carriages, carts, &c.

159 **Indictment** of Rebecca Peppets, widow, and Susannah White, spinster, both of the parish of Yielding, for falsely pretending to John Robbins that the said Rebecca Peppets' name was Susannah Brown, and the said Susannah White's name was Ann Brown, and that they were sisters and followed the occupation of lace making at the parish of Swineshead, co. Huntingdon, and that their residence was at Swineshead, whereas they were not sisters, and did not follow the trade of lace making at Swineshead. And also for obtaining goods from the said John Robbins of the value of 40s.

1803.

3 15th February. **Order** reciting that Samuel Whitbread, justice of the peace, has visited the poorhouses of the parish of Stotfield, and has found them to be dark, confined, and in a ruinous state, without floors and windows, and in every other respect totally unfit for human habitation; the poor ill clothed and some of them out of health, improvided with bedding of any description, and totally destitute of all furniture or necessary articles for the preparation of their food.

The said Samuel Whitbread and James Webster, justices of the peace, now order that the overseers of the poor of the said parish do forthwith put the said poorhouses into a state of tenable repair, pave the floors, glaze the windows, and whitewash the walls and ceilings. They are also to make such separations within as may be necessary for the sake of decency, to separate the different inhabitants from each other, and to make the said houses in every respect fit for human habitation. To provide proper bedsteads, bedding, covering, and linen for the use of the paupers who inhabit the said houses, and proper furniture for the preparation of their food.

12th March. **Order** by Samuel Whitbread, that the overseers of the poor of the parish of Arlsey do forthwith repair and put in a fit state for human habitation all the poorhouses of the said parish. That they repair the thatch, mend the windows, whitewash the walls, and make proper separations for the decent accommodation of the inhabitants. Also to provide bedsteads and bedding, linen of every description, and proper utensils for the preparation of their food. 4

And whereas in one of the said poorhouses there are three aged widows, one of whom is exceedingly infirm and afflicted with sickness, they further order the said overseers to provide a suitable attendant to take care of the said sick person, and to provide such medicine and nourishment as her situation appears to require.

They further order the said overseers to appear at the next general quarter sessions to be held at Bedford, to answer for what they shall do in the premises.

15th April. **Order** by Edward Tanqueray and William Mead, clerks, justices of the peace. 5

That having upon view found that certain parts of the highway between the town of Leighton and the town of Hockliffe, in the township of Leighton for the length of 930 yards or thereabouts, particularly described in the plan annexed, is for a part thereof narrow and cannot be conveniently enlarged and made commodious for travellers without widening, diverting and turning the same; and having viewed a course proposed for the new highway through the lands and grounds of the several persons hereafter named for widening the said highway from the point marked in the said plan S, 16 yards or thereabouts, being the lands or grounds of Thomas White, of Leighton, butcher, and through the lands or grounds of Thomas Chew, of Leighton, at the parts in the plan marked *r*, being 168 yards or thereabouts, then from the point in the plan marked P, to be diverted and turned through the lands and grounds of John Owen Stubb, John Millard, Arthur Clark, Esq., Ann Ashwell, John Franklin and William Claridge, to the two points in the plan marked *d* and *e*, being 200 yards or thereabouts, then continuing the highway as it now is to the point in the plan marked *f*, there to be diverted and turned through the lands and grounds of Ann Ashwell, William Claridge, Francis Hart, William Collins, John Collins Millard, and John Owen Stubb, and crossing the brook at *g*, to extend to the point marked *h*, being 166 yards or thereabouts, and at the said point to come into the present road, particularly described in the plan annexed.

They also order that the said highway be widened, diverted and turned through the lands and grounds aforesaid, and that the surveyor of the highways of the township of Leighton, where the said old highway lies, do forthwith proceed to treat and make agreement with the said persons for recompense to be made for the said lands and grounds, and for making such ditches and fences as shall be necessary, in such manner as is prescribed by the statute of 13 George III. for the amendment and preservation of the highways.

And in case such agreement shall be made, they order an equal assessment, not exceeding the rate of 6d. in the pound, to be made, levied, and collected upon all the occupiers of lands, tenements, woods, tithes, and hereditaments in the township of Leighton, and that the money arising thereupon be paid and applied in making such recompense and satisfaction as aforesaid, pursuant to the directions of the said Act.

6 **Plan** mentioned in the foregoing.

8 3rd July. **Notice** by Edmund Thorn—the surveyor appointed for making and completing certain roads in the parish of Houghton Regis under an Act passed in the 43rd year of the reign of Geo. III., intituled "An Act to alter and amend an Act passed in the 36th year of the same reign, intituled An Act for dividing and allotting the open and common fields, common meadows, commons and waste lands in the parish of Houghton Regis, and to give powers for making and completing certain roads"—that he intends at the next general quarter sessions of the peace to certify the Sundon Road and the road commonly called Mixt Way.

9 22nd July. **Order** by Samuel Whitbread, Esq., and James Webster, clerk, justices of the peace, that Francis Browne and Edward Slarkie, overseers of the poor of the parish of Maulden, do immediately give directions that the ten parish houses provided for the maintenance of the poor of the said parish be put into a proper state of repair with regard to the windows, floors, walls and thatching, and that they be whitewashed within and without; and that proper bedsteads, bedding, blankets, sheets, coverings, and other furniture such as is proper and necessary, be provided for the said houses.

54 20th April. **Certificate** by Edward Tanqueray, clerk, and William Mead, clerk, that having viewed a certain highway leading through the parish of Woburn, being the turnpike road (which highway was out of repair, for which the inhabitants of the said parish were indicted) they find the said highway is now in good and substantial repair.

55 12th January. **Certificate** by the said Edward Tanqueray and William Mead, that they have viewed a certain part of the highway in the parish of Potgrove, otherwise Potsgrove, beginning at a distance of 1100 yards from the 40th milestone from London and between that stone and the 41st milestone, and ending at the distance of 1180 yards from the first mentioned milestone and the 41st milestone from London, containing in length 80 yards and in breadth 10 yards, and find the same is repaired and amended.

58 15th March. **Certificate** by Francis Coupees, John Crew, William Butterfield, John Day, Thomas Johnson and William Coupees, that a building called or known by the name of the Press House, in the occupation of Mr. Francis Coupees, straw hat manufacturer, situate in the parish of Luton, is intended to be used as a place of religious worship for protestant subjects dissenting from the Church of England.

20th April. **Certificate** by Thomas Wingrove, John Newman, William Hare, John Abbott, James Pryor junior, and Joseph Jackson, that the dwelling house of Thomas Wingrove, labourer, situate at Ramoridge End in the parish of Luton, is intended to be used as a place of religious worship for his Majesty's protestant subjects dissenting from the Church of England. 59

20th April. **Certificate** by John Hawkins and James Webster, that they have viewed a certain part of the common and ancient highway situate in the parish of Barton in the Clay, containing in length 250 yards and in breadth five yards, and that the same is well and sufficiently repaired. 63

13th July. **Certificate** by Edmund Thorn—yeoman, surveyor appointed under an Act intituled "An Act to alter and amend an Act passed in the 36th year of the reign of his present Majesty, intituled An Act for dividing and allotting the open and common fields, common meadows, commons and waste lands within the parish of Houghton Regis in the county of Bedford, and to give powers for the making and completing of certain roads set out by the commissioners acting under and by virtue of the said Act"—that a certain road in the said Act mentioned, called the Mixt Way, and a certain other road in the said Act mentioned called the Sundon Road, are now completed and put into good and sufficient repair. 64

13th July. **Certificate** by John Hawkins and James Webster, that they have viewed a certain part of the common highway, commonly called Upper Gravenhurst Lane situate in the parish of Upper Gravenhurst, to a bridge near Shitlington Mill, containing in length 680 yards and in breadth about 40 feet, and that the same is completely repaired and amended. 65

12th July. **Certificate** by John Long, of Fenny Stratford, co. Bucks.—surveyor of the public carriage roads in the parish of Crawley, otherwise Husborn Crawley, co. Beds., appointed by the commissioners nominated for putting into execution an Act of 35 Geo. III., intituled "An Act for dividing and enclosing the common and open fields, common meadows, common moors, commons and waste lands within the parish of Crawley, otherwise Husborn Crawley, in the county of Bedford"—that the public carriage roads set out by the said commissioners in the said parish, according to the directions of the said Act, are completely formed and made good. 66

13th July. **Certificate** by Francis Coupees, Thomas Coupees, Ann Coupees, Joseph Jackson, Elizabeth Jackson, William Butterfield, Deborah Butterfield, John Day, Sarah Day and James Pryor, that the New Meeting House in the parish of Luton is intended to be used as a place of religious worship for his Majesty's protestant subjects dissenting from the Church of England. 67

68 22nd September. **Notice** by John Ladds, surveyor of the public carriage roads set out by the commissioners of the Wrestlingworth Enclosure that he intends to certify to the justices that the roads have been completely formed.

69 5th October. **Certificate** by the said John Ladds that the above mentioned roads have been completed.

70 5th October. **Certificate** by Edmund Thorn, yeoman, surveyor under the Act of 36 Geo. III., for dividing and allotting the common and open fields, &c., in the parish of Houghton Regis, and to give powers for making certain roads—that a certain road called the Toddington and Bedford Road is completed.

71 **Gaoler's return.**

72 25th December (sic). A **return** of the Bedfordshire Militia, now on actual service, the original establishment having been embodied at Bedford on 25th March last. It consisted of 505 officers and men.

Memorandum:—Wanting to complete the battalion—one lieutenant, two ensigns, and 59 privates.

85 Epiphany sessions. **Gaoler's quarterly account**:—To privately whipping William Massey, William Foxon, and Thomas Allen, 15s., &c., &c.

87 Easter sessions. The like:—To providing sick prisoners with mutton and broth, ponadoes, beer and other nourishments, &c., &c.

93 **Abstract** of the Treasurer's disbursements for the county for one year, beginning at Easter sessions, 1802:—

Apothecary to gaol and bridewell, 25*l.* Bridewell, 63*l.* 16s. 9½d. Master of bridewell, 20*l.* Bridges, 14s. 5d. Clerk of peace, 10*l.* Crier of the court, 3*l.* Coroners, 50*l.* 10s. 9d. Conveying to prison, 24*l.* 10s. 3d. New County Gaol, 2,234*l.* 8s. 9d. Gaoler, 190*l.* Ditto for transports, 27*l.* 0s. 6d. Cottages, 117*l.* Disbursed on militia account, 476*l.* 3s. 6d. Ordinary of gaol and bridewell, 40*l.*. Prosecutors and witnesses, 93*l.* 0s. 4d. Printing, 16*l.* 0s. 4d. Returns of the prices of corn, 12*l.* 16s. Removing of baggages, 69*l.* 10s. Sessions House. 25*l.* 11s. 5½d. Stamps, 1*l.* 19s. 2½d. Constables' fees for taking an account of the population of Great Britain, 41*l.* 4s. 6d. Treasurer, 20*l.* Letters and parcels, 1*l.* 11s. 7d. Conveying vagrants, 130*l.* Relieving same, 16*l.* 1s. 1d. Due to the Treasurer last sessions, 580*l.* 8s. 5d.

96 Midsummer sessions. **Gaoler's quarterly account**:—To removing and delivering on board the *Captivity* hulk, lying in Portsmouth harbour, William Tysoe, James Albone, Samuel Mason, John Squires, Charles Williams and George Roberts, 30*l.* To conveying the said convicts from London to Portsmouth, with proper guards and every necessary expense, 21*l.* 12s.

9th August. **Contract** between James Lilburne of Southill and William Berrell of Bedford, bricklayer, for the repair of two bridges at Shefford called the North Bridge and the South Bridge. 111

The said William Berrell contracts to take down and rebuild the south end of the east wall of the North Bridge and to take down and rebuild four water piers on the west side of the said bridge and to rebuild seven new buttresses to the side walls of the said bridge. To rock with lime and stone the five arches of the said bridge and to floor them with brick on edge, well grouted. To rip out the old decayed stones and bricks and to repair the walls and arches in a substantial manner. To raise the parapet walls in 9 in. brickwork, well flushed and grouted, to three feet high, including lime for the cement of the arches, with the carriage and all materials for the work, for the sum of 63*l.* 8s. 3½d.

He also contracts to take down and rebuild the east wall of the South Bridge with four new buttresses and three new rims to the east end of the arches and to raise the parapet walls three feet high; to take down and rebuild three water piers and the north end of the east wall; to rip out the decayed bricks and to repair the walls and arches in a substantial manner, including carriage and materials, for the sum of 54*l.* 8s. 6d.

Account of Edward Whitbread for ironwork done to the Tan Yard Bridge. 118

6th October. **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Henlow to Meppershall, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Clifton and extending from the well of Clifton to the eastern end of Hoe Lane, containing in length 1500 yards and in breadth 30 feet is in decay and that the inhabitants of the parish of Clifton ought to repair the same. 131

Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Shitlington to Clophill, a certain part whereof, commonly called Upper Gravenhurst Lane, lying in the parish of Upper Gravenhurst and extending from the church of Upper Gravenhurst to a bridge near Shitlington Mill, containing in length 680 yards, and in breadth about 40 feet, is in decay and that the inhabitants of Upper Gravenhurst ought to repair the same. 132

Indictment of Thomas Browne of the parish of Bletsoe, labourer, for rescuing two bullocks from the common pound in the parish of Sharnbrook. 133

Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Hitchin to the town of Dunstable, a certain part whereof, lying in the parish of Barton in the Clay containing in length 250 yards and in breadth five yards, is in decay and that the inhabitants of the Parish of Barton in the Clay ought to repair the same. 135

138 **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Dunstable to the town of Woburn in, through and over the parish of Potgrove otherwise Potsgrove, a certain part whereof in the parish of Potgrove, beginning at the distance of 1100 yards from the 40th milestone from London and between that stone and the 41st milestone from London and ending at the distance of 1180 yards from the first mentioned milestone, and between that and the 41st milestone, containing in length 80 yards and in breadth 10 yards, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Potsgrove ought to repair the same.

142 **Presentment** that the common bridge over a brook or river lying in the parish of Leighton Buzzard in the highway there leading from the town of Leighton Buzzard to the town of Dunstable and also to the town of Hemel Hempstead, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the county ought to repair the same.

143 **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Dunstable to the town of Newport Pagnel, co. Bucks., in, through and over the parish of Woburn, a certain part whereof in the parish of Woburn beginning at the 42nd milestone from London and ending at the distance of 286 yards from the said milestone, and between that and the 43rd milestone; and also a certain part of the same highway in the said parish of Woburn beginning at the distance of 446 yards from the 42nd milestone from London and ending at the distance of 746 yards from the said stone and between that and the 43rd milestone, containing in the whole 586 yards in length and ten yards in breadth, are in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Woburn ought to repair the same.

146 13th July. Bedford. **Letter** from William Long to the magistrates for the county of Bedford.

He states that he understands it to be their wish that the executors of Mr. Watkins, their late treasurer, should state what sum they would consider to be a remuneration for his extra trouble in the management of the Militia, Army and Navy business during the late war, and also for the advance of money at various times, before the county rates became payable and particularly during the erection of the gaol. He has made enquiries of the clerks in the office as to the nature and extent of the services and advances of Mr. Watkins, and finds that in 1798 an allowance of 50*l.* was made for his extra trouble in the Militia, Army and Navy business to that period, and that no allowance has been since made. He also finds that Mr. Watkins made frequent advances of large sums of money for the use of the county. That at the passing of the year's account in April, 1800, a balance was due to him of 403*l.*; in April, 1801, a balance of 91*l.*; and in April, 1802, a balance of 580*l.*

The executors take the liberty of naming 100*l.* as a remuneration for the same.

25th July. **Letter** from Edmund Williamson to John Millar, Esq. 147

At a meeting of the feoffees held this day at Shefford, it was agreed to accede to the proposals made in their name to the court on Thursday last, viz. : to pay one half of the expenses of repairing the bridges at the north and south ends of the town of Shefford (now under an indictment) by instalments, after having put their estate in good and sufficient repair, of which it is now in great want, and also to pay one half of the repairs of the said bridges, in future.

22nd December. **Memorandum** that a tenement belonging to the Corporation in St. Lloyds (?) was taken down in the beginning of the year 1802, in order to open a passage to the county gaol. The compensation to the Corporation was fixed at the sum of 30*l*. The lessee of the tenement was Thomas Bass, glazier, who has received for his interest in the same a compensation from the Corporation conformably to the terms of the agreement. 148

The Corporation request that a draft for the above sum may be obtained by Mr. Pearse on the treasurer of the county at the ensuing session.

1804.

11th January. **Order** at quarter sessions, stating that whereas complaint has been made to the justices that the parish workhouse, or house kept and provided for the maintenance of the poor of the parish of Shidlington, is in a very wretched neglected condition ; that the poor therein are idle, disorderly, and disobedient ; that much misconduct and irregularity prevail in the house ; and that a reform is wanting in every department thereof. The justices therefore order the overseers of the poor to provide a proper person to be master of the said workhouse, who shall dwell therein, and shall duly superintend the conduct of the poor and who shall provide proper employment for such as are able to work. He shall also attend to the state and condition of the house in regard to cleanliness, and see that proper clothing be provided for the poor, that such parts of the bedding, blankets, sheets, and coverings as are worn out be replaced with new ones. That cradles be provided for the use and benefit of the house, with suitable furniture for the same. That the windows and tiling of the house be repaired ; and the inside of the house whitewashed throughout, as soon as the season will permit ; and that the overseers shall frequently visit the workhouse and examine carefully into the state and condition of the poor, and the condition of the food, clothing and bedding. 1

3rd April. **Warrant** to the constables to produce Thomas Tucker, of Litlington, yeoman, at the next quarter sessions, to answer for inhumanly removing Mary Sharp, a single woman then pregnant, from the parish of Litlington to Moulden to be maintained at the expense of the last-named parish, whereby the life of the said Mary was endangered. 2

6 9th December. **Directions,** by order of the Lord Lieutenant, to the Mayor and bailiffs of Bedford, to issue their warrant to the petty-constables of the parish of St. Paul to make out a list of all men usually dwelling in the said parish between the ages of 18 and 45 years (persons serving in the volunteer-corps and certified as having duly attended musters excepted) liable to serve in the militia.

7 10th June. **Notice** by Edmund Thorn, appointed a surveyor for making and completing certain roads in the parish of Houghton Regis—under an Act of 43 Geo. 3, entitled, an Act to alter and amend an Act passed in the 36th year of the reign of his present Majesty, entitled, an Act for completing and allotting the common and open fields, common meadows, common and waste lands within the parish of Houghton Regis, and to give power for making and completing certain roads—that he intends, at the next sessions, to certify the road commonly called the Dunstable and Luton road.

12 16th December. **Notice** by the Reverend George Cardale, surveyor of the public carriage roads in Millbrook, appointed under the Act of 35 Geo. 3, entitled—an Act for dividing and enclosing the open and common fields, common meadows, commonable lands, common warren, and waste grounds within the parish of Millbrook, in the county of Bedford—that he intends to certify, at the next sessions, that the several roads set out and awarded by the commissioners under the Act have been completed.

27 Epiphany sessions. **List of prisoners** in the house of correction; Mary Carter, a lewd woman, 12 months' imprisonment, and hard labour.

80 11th January. **Certificate** that the public bridge over the river Ivel, commonly called the Shefford bridge, lying in the parish of Shefford, in a certain extra-parochial place called Shefford Hardwick in the highway there leading from Hitchin to the town of Bedford, is sufficiently repaired.

81 11th January. **Certificate** that a public bridge over a river running by and from the parish of Compton into the River Ivel, commonly called Shefford South bridge, lying in the several parishes of Meppershall, Clifton, and Shefford, in the highway there leading from the town of Hitchin to the town of Bedford, is sufficiently repaired.

82 11th January. **Report** by James Webster, J.P., on the condition of the parish workhouse of Shidlington. That he visited the said workhouse on the 29th December last. That the master of the house is extremely negligent in his duty, not residing in the house, and being wholly occupied in other pursuits he has no time to attend to the state of the house or the poor therein. The poor being under no authority are disobedient, idle and disorderly, and quarrels, strifes, and contentions daily take place therein, much misconduct and irregularity prevail in the house; the said house is much neglected in regard to cleanliness,

and some of the coverings of the beds, the blankets, sheets, and clothing are in a wretched condition. There are three infants in arms in the said house without one cradle being provided for their use. No proper employment is provided by the master for such as are able to work, and several of these, especially the females, are absent from the house whole nights and days together, contrary to decency and good order. The overseers of the poor are peculiarly negligent in their duty and seldom visit the house or enquire into the condition thereof.

11th July. **Certificate** by Philip Monoux and James Webster, J.P., that they have viewed a certain part of a common highway leading from the hamlet of Broom in the parish of Southill towards Biggleswade, situate in the hamlet of Holme, containing in length 231 yards and in breadth 25 feet, and that they find the same sufficiently repaired, and that travellers with horses, carts, and carriages may safely travel upon and over the same.

11th July. **Certifcate** by Edward Thorn, yeoman, surveyor under the Act of 36 Geo. III., entitled, "An Act for dividing and allotting the common and open fields, common meadows, common and waste lands within the parish of Houghton Regis in the county of Bedford, and to give power for making certain roads—that a certain road called the Dunstable and Luton road is completed." 88

19th September. **Certifcate** by John Higgins and William Hooper that the public carriage roads set out in the parish of Oakley by the commissioners under the Act of 43 Geo. III., entitled, "An Act for dividing, allotting, and enclosing the open and common fields, common lammas meadows, common and waste lands within the parish of Oakley in the county of Bedford," and of an Act of 41 Geo. III., c. 109, entitled, "An Act for consolidating in one Act certain provisions usually inserted in acts of enclosure, and for facilitating the mode of proving the several facts usually required on the passing of such Acts"—have been formed and completed. 90

19th September. **Certifcate** by the same that the public carriage roads set out in the parish of Milton Ernest by the commissioners under the Act of 43 Geo. III. for dividing and enclosing the open and common fields, etc., in the said parish, have been completed. 91

3rd October. **Certifcate** by John Moore Howard, gaoler, that felons and debtors are kept seperate, that no spirituous liquors are supplied in the gaol except in cases of sickness, that a clergyman is provided to officiate in the gaol. Persons acquitted or discharged upon proclamation for want of prosecution are immediately discharged in open court without fee; the cells are scraped and whitewashed and ventilators are provided, two rooms are set apart for the sick, a warm and cold bath or bathing tubs are provided, and that a surgeon is also provided. 92

93 21st November. **Certifcate** of the conviction of William Revenell, servant of the Reverend Mr. Otter, of Colmworth, and others, of gaming in the house of Solomon Safford, publican of Colmworth; fined ten shillings each.

94 24th December. **A return** of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Bedfordshire Militia. It consisted of 1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 captain, 7 lieutenants, 2 ensigns, 1 captain and adjutant, 1 surgeon and surgeon's mate, 1 quarter-master, 24 sergeants, 23 corporals, 16 drummers, and 446 privates.

99 **Gaoler's account:**—Removing Christopher Grey to a "lunatic-house" at Hoxton, £4 16s. 0d. Finding Thomas Peacock, a sick prisoner, 3 meals of meat and 3 pints of milk a day, and beer and spirits for six weeks, £3 13s. 6d. One quarter's shaving prisoners, 10s. 6d.

100 **Account** for repairs to the County Hall.

103 **Certificate** of wagons supplied for the removal of soldiers' luggage, ammunition, &c., pursuant to the order of the Secretary of State:—May 20th and 21st, Northampton Militia to St. Albans; May 24th, Leicester Militia; May 26th, Derby Militia; May 27th, Warwick Militia, all to St. Albans; June 6th, The 7th Regiment of Dragoons to Hertford, Hatfield, and St. Albans; August 30th, Warwick Supplementary to Stony Stratford; September 22nd, Stafford Militia to Chesham; October 7th, 69th Regiment Foot to St. Albans; December 13th, 14th and 15th, 47th Regiment Foot to Stony Stratford; December 26th to 31st, 30th Regiment Foot to Stony Stratford, and also on 31st December to Hockliffe; 1804, January 2, 3, 23rd Regiment Dragoons to Newport.

115 **Gaoler's accounts:**—Privately whipping James O'dell, William Chapman and William Rarey, 15 shillings; providing mutton broths, ponadoes, and other nourishment for D. Oliver, 17 days, £1 2s. 4d.

127 **Gaoler's account:**—for removing 3 convicts to the "Captivity" hulk lying at Portsmouth, £15.

130 **Gaoler's account:**—Whipping George Wrench, 5 shillings: privately whipping William Barber and Thomas Robinson, 10 shillings.

148 John Wing's **account** for repairs to county gaol, £84 0s. 1½d.

170 **Presentment** that a public bridge over a river running by and from the parish of Campton into the river Ivel, commonly called Shefford South bridge, situate in the parishes of Meppershall, Clifton, and Shefford, in the highway there leading from Hitchin to Bedford, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the county of Bedford ought to repair the same.

Presentment that a public bridge over the river Ivel, commonly called Shefford North bridge, in the parish of Shefford, and in a certain extra-parochial place called Shefford Hardwicke, in the highway there leading from Hitchin to Bedford, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the county of Bedford ought to repair the same. 171

Presentment that there is an acient highway leading from the hamlet of Broom in the parish of Southill to the town of Biggleswade, a certain part whereof lying in the hamlet of Holme, containing in length 230 yards and in breadth 25 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the hamlet of Holme ought to repair the same. 172

Indictment of John Ladd, of the parish of Litlington, yeoman, overseer of the poor of the said parish, for removing Mary Sharp, a single woman suffering with the pains of labour, from the said parish to the parish of Maulden without lawful warrant. 173

7th May. Hoxton. **Letter** from E. Burrow to the keeper of the gaol with his account for the maintenance of Christopher Grey [a lunatic] from 18th October, 1803, to 19th April, 1804, £14. 194

22nd October. **Letter** from the same E. Burrow to the keeper of the gaol with similar account from 19th April to 19th October, £14. The patient is still in the same condition. 195

5th October. **Appointment** of Stephen Dodd, of Woburn, postmaster, to make weekly returns of the average prices of wheat, etc., from the market town of Woburn. 198

Various copies of the London Gazette and Northampton Mercury. 199—200

1805.

30th June. **Notice** by Edmund Thorn, surveyor under an act of 43 Geo. III., amending an act of 36 Geo. III., for dividing and allotting the common and open fields, etc., in the parish of Houghton Regis, and to give powers for making roads set out by the commissioners, that the road called the Houghton and Luton Road is completed. 12

9th October. **Order** at quarter sessions that the inhabitants of the hamlet of Holme pay a fine £75 for not repairing part of an ancient highway leading from Biggleswade to the hamlet of Broome containing in length 960 yards, and also part of the same highway leading from Langford Lane to the Bridge at Holme Mill in the said hamlet of Holme, containing in length 420 yards, and each of them containing in breadth about 30 feet. 30

38 **List of prisoners**:—John Osborn, convicted of larceny, ordered to be imprisoned in the house of correction for a month and to be publicly whipped in the town of Dunstable on the market day; John Beck, convicted of larceny, is ordered to be imprisoned in the house of correction for one month and to be twice privately whipped during that period.

47 **List of prisoners**:—John Saunders, convicted of larceny, is ordered to be imprisoned in the house of correction, to be kept to hard labour for one month, and to be publicly whipped on market day at the town of Dunstable.

84 16th January. **Certificate** by the Reverend George Cardale that the roads set out by the commissioners under the Act of 35 Geo. III., for dividing and enclosing the open and common fields, etc., in the parish of Millbrooke, have been completed.

85 23rd February. **Certificate** of the conviction of David Whiteman for hawking goods without a license, not being a wholesale trader in woollen, cotton, and mixed goods, and not being the real worker or maker of the goods, wares, and merchandize offered for sale.

86 19th April. **Certificate** that part of an ancient highway leading from the town of Dunstable to Woburn through the parish of Milton Bryant, beginning at the distance of 600 yards from the 39th milestone from London, and between that milestone and the fortieth milestone from London, and ending at the distance of 700 yards from the said first mentioned milestone, and between that milestone and the last mentioned milestone, and also another part of the same highway at the parish of Milton Bryant, beginning at the distance of 290 yards from the 40th milestone from London and ending at the distance of 590 yards from the said last mentioned milestone, and between that stone and the 41st milestone, also from London, containing in the whole in length 400 yards, and in breadth 10 yards, have been sufficiently repaired.

[No. 174 is the presentment that the above said highway should be repaired by the inhabitants of the parish of Milton Bryant.)

89 3rd July. **Certificate** by Francis Pym and James Webster, clerk, J.P's, that the roads set out by James Lilburn, sole commissioner, for dividing the common fields, &c., of the parish of Cardington, under the Act 41 George III., are in good and complete repair.

90 6th July. **Certificate** by Francis Pym, Esq., and Wollaston Pym, clerk, J.P's, that the roads set out by Thomas Thorpe and James Lilburn, commissioners, for dividing the common fields, &c., of the parish of Astwick, under the Act 41 George III., are in good and complete repair.

17th July. **Certificate** that part of the highway in parish of Clophill, extending from the boundary of the parish of Clophill nearest to Upper Gravenhurst and terminating at a gate a little beyond the sand-pits near Kause Farm, containing in length 560 yards and in breadth 30 feet, has been repaired. 92

[No. 161 is the presentment that the said road should be repaired by the inhabitants of the parish of Clophill.]

17th July. **Certificate** by Edward Thorn, Yeoman, surveyor under the Act of 43 Geo. III., for dividing and enclosing the common and open fields, &c., in the parish of Houghton Regis, that the roads set out under the said Act have been completed. 93

9th October. **Certificate** that the roads set out under the Act of 42 Geo. III., for dividing and enclosing the common and open fields in the parishes of Shitlington and Holwell have been formed and completed, viz., a public carriage way and highway leading from the pound on the green in the township of Shitlington by the public house called the Marquis of Granby, and thence eastwards into the hamlet of Lower Stondon; a public carriage road and highway leading from the public house called the Red Sign Post, in Upton End, across Hill Field into the parish of Meppershall; and a public carriage road and highway leading from Ion bridge south-eastwardly to the south corner of Hanscomb End green and across Handscomb End field and Hanscomb End common to the old enclosures. 94

9th October. **Certificate** that the roads set out under the Act of 42 George III., for dividing and enclosing the common and open fields, &c., in the parishes of Shitlington and Holwell, have been formed and completed. 95

9th October. **Gaoler's Certificate** that the orders for regulating the gaol have been complied with. 96

16th December. **Certificate** of the conviction of William Taylor, of the parish of Riseley for cutting and destroying the underwood in the woods of the Duke of Bedford in the said parish. 97

Account for work done to Bromham bridge. 99

Gaoler's Account:—Finding straw for the gaol and house of correction, £1 10s. 0d.; Washing and mending, finding worsted and thread, from Michaelmas to Epiphany sessions, for the prisoners, £5 8s. 0d.; Nourishment for Mary Dimmock, in fits three days, also beer and other refreshment for sitters up, 9 shillings; Correcting and whipping Robert Goodman and Thomas Jordan, 10 shillings. 105

111 **Account** of Mr. Smith for ink, pens, and "one Moore's Almanac."

118 22nd April. **Estimate** by John Wing for taking up the old steps at the north front of the sessions house, and making new ones in Portland stone; to make a new Ketton stone curb at each end of the steps with a ramp; to fix the iron work 2 feet higher than it now is; to convert the present old steps into a curb; and to hang the gates, and to make pavement in front.

120 **Gaoler's account**:—Privately whipping at two different times John Beck, 10 shillings. Chaise hire to Dunstable with John Osborn to receive public whipping, attendance and expenses, £2 16s. 6d. Privately whipping Joseph Collins and Ezekiel Bannister, 10 shillings. Publicly whipping William Tomlin at the cart's tail, 15 shillings.

154 **Account** for repairs to the county gaol.

159 **Gaoler's account**:—Privately whipping Thomas Smith, 5 shillings.

162 **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Biggleswade to Langford and to the hamlet of Broome, a certain part whereof, commonly called Langford Lane, in the hamlet of Holme, containing in length 960 yards, and also another part of the same highway leading from Langford Lane to the bridge at Holme Mill in the hamlet of Home (sic), containing in length 420 yards, each of the said highways containing in breadth about 30 feet, and that the inhabitants of the hamlet of Holme ought to repair the same.

173 **Presentment** that a common public bridge over the river Ouse in the parish of Felmersham, leading from the town of Harrold to the town of Bedford, in the county aforesaid, called Rodwell Bridge, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the County of Bedford ought to repair the same.

185 **Letter**—William Mead to T. Pearse, undated, "The assault committed by these men and their companions was a most violent and outrageous one. The Marquis of Tweedale much wished to have brought them to a court martial at Dunstable, but some officers who commanded a detachment of horse, and were with their troops then at Dunstable, dissuaded him from doing so, and sent the case to me. It is hard upon Mr. Atterbury to be obliged to prosecute when he was only acting a humane part in seeing justice done to the labourers on the turnpike road, and still harder on Messender, the prosecutor, who is a day labourer. I shall esteem it a favour if you make application to the court that the expenses of his (sic) prosecution may be defrayed by the county." *Postscript.* "The evidence with respect to Adam Graham produced before me, was:—William Atterbury swore

that he saw Graham lift up his stick to assault him, that he was immediately attacked and received several severe blows from bludgeons and was knocked down. Charles Raynard, of Naughton Hall, Cheshire, swore that he saw Graham leave his ranks as a soldier and strike at some person.

1806.

8th October. **List of prisoners**:—John Summerfield, convicted of larceny, and ordered to be imprisoned and kept to hard labour for six months, and until the market day for the town of Ampthill when he is to be there publicly whipped and discharged; John Olney, convicted of an assault on Ann Paterson, is ordered to be imprisoned in the common gaol of the county three months, and until the market day for the town of Luton, when he is to stand in the pillory there for one hour between the hours of 11 in the forenoon and 1 in the afternoon, and then to be discharged. 32

15th January. **Certificate** that the roads set out under the Act of 42 Geo. III. for dividing and enclosing the common and open fields, &c., in the parishes of Shitlington and Holwell, have been formed and completed. 78

13th July. **Certificates** of the conviction of various persons for trading on Sunday. 84—86

16th July. **Certificate** that the roads set out under the Act of 44 Geo. III. for dividing lands in the parish of Arlsey have been formed and completed. 87

8th October. **Gaoler's certificate** that the orders for the regulation of gaols have been complied with. 88

22nd December. **Return** of the Bedfordshire Militia. It consisted of 1 colonel, 1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 major, 4 captains, 5 lieutenants, 5 ensigns, 1 surgeon, 17 sergeants (including 2 staff), 15 corporals, 12 drummers, including 1 drum-major; and 315 privates. 89

Gaoler's account:—Removing and delivering on board the hulks at Woolwich James Wite under sentence of transportation for life, £8 5s. 0d. Whipping John Ingram and William Taylor, 10 shillings. 95

Account for work at Harrold Bridge. 99

Gaoler's account:—Chaise hire to Dunstable with John Saunders to receive public whipping, £2 14s. 9d. 108

Gaoler's account:—To finding Thomas Pestell ponadoes with spirit, sugar and spices, with meat every day for 9 weeks and 2 days, £4 6s. 8d. Removing and putting on board the hulks at Woolwich James Allen for life and William Watts for 7 years. 118

124 **Account** for repairs at the gaol and county hall.

145 **Presentment** that there is a highway leading in one direction from the town of Meppershall towards the parish of Hexton, and in another direction to the parish of Upper Gravenhurst, a certain part whereof called Shidlington Lane in the parish of Shidlington, containing in length 2,730 yards and in breadth 30 feet, which highway in one direction lies between the Red Sign Post public house and the beginning of the new road which leads to Hine Bridge, and in another direction lies between the said public house and a cottage in the said highway near the gate which leads to Shidlington Berry Farm in the parish of Shidlington, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Shidlington ought to repair the same.

147 **Indictment** of Lydia Bland, wife of Benjamin Bland, of Compton-cum-Shefford, labourer; and Frances Odell, wife of James Odell, of the same, labourer, for stealing three quarts of British compound spirituous liquor called gin, value seven shillings and sixpence; one quart of British compound spirituous liquor, called cordial of peppermint, value 2 shillings and 6 pence; and one quart of foreign wine value 3 shillings.

167 4th July. Bedford. The trustees and principal members of the society of Protestant dissenters belonging to the old meeting house, return their respectful acknowledgments to the magistrates of the county for permitting them the use of the county hall during the late repair of their place of worship to which they have now returned.

168—169 21st October and 22nd December. Hoxton. **Letters** from E. Burrow to the county treasurer enclosing his accounts for the board, &c., of Christopher Gray :—

Gray is well in health but still continues very much deranged at intervals.

170, &c. Old newspapers and gazettes.

1807.

25 Epiphany Sessions. **List of prisoners**:—John Brown, convicted of larceny, is ordered to be imprisoned in the house of correction and kept to hard labour for 12 months, and then to be publicly whipped at the market town of Woburn and discharged. John Goodman, convicted of larceny, to be imprisoned for 2 months, and then to be publicly whipped at Great Barford. Edward Brown, a rogue and vagabond, sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment and to be privately whipped, and at the end of his term to be employed in the King's service by land.

26 Epiphany Sessions. **Gaol calendar**:—John Summerfield, ordered to be imprisoned 6 months and then publicly whipped at Ampthill.

9th December. **Information** of Nathaniel Gutteridge, of Luton, laborer, that George Kirk, under false pretences, obtained of him £2 1s., by offering himself as a substitute for the said informant to serve in the Bedfordshire militia, saying he was sound and fit when he had been discharged from the army for a bad arm. 68

14th January. **Certificate** that the roads set out by the commissioners under the Act of 43 George III. for dividing and enclosing the common and open fields, &c., in the parish of Kempston, have been formed and completed. 72

7th April. **Report** by James Webster, clerk, J.P. On this day he visited the parish workhouse for the maintenance of the poor of Lidlington. The workhouse is not fit for the habitation of man. It is ruinous, dilapidated, and decayed. The poor therein are in want of food, clothing, bedding, fire, and every other necessary accommodation. This house was formerly the pest house for the parish of Lidlington and was converted into a house for the reception of the poor. In the house there are 21 inmates living in the most wretched condition without any governor or master or without any care or attention from a parish officer. In one bed, consisting of little better than a few rags, five persons sleep, viz. :—Ann Goodman and her two children and Catherine Goodman and one child. Ann Goodman aged 24 is quite naked for want of clothing. Joseph Saunders, a healthy and strong youth in appearance, aged 9 years, without parents and without employment : Amelia Goodman aged 19 years, daughter of Henry Goodman aged 62 years, by trade a razor grinder ; Amelia Goodman sleeps upon the ground with a few rags to cover her ; she wanted a little straw ; the parish officers would not give it to her and she purchased three pennyworth. Ann Hobbs, wife of John Hobbs, with an infant three quarters of a year old, aged 29 years ; Thomas Tucker, a labourer, aged 60 ; John Marriott, a labourer, aged 63, lame, he works for 3s. a week ; Edward Pepper aged 19 years goes to work, Edward Tucker aged 10 years goes to work. These 4 sleep upon the floor in an upper room and ascend by a ladder, Edward Walton, who is blind, and Mary *his* wife, who is lame, having one leg only, and their 3 children ascend to the room by a ladder. Their bedding is tolerably good. 78

The present overseers of the poor have been summoned to appear before quarter sessions.

The poor of Lidlington in general made very grevious complaint against the overseers for their neglect.

Note at the end :—" Elizabeth Burgoyne aged 14, unemployed and almost naked ; William Taylor and wife and 6 children, 8s. 6d. weekly because he has no messuage." Thomas Mann and wife, very old people, 6s. 6d. weekly. James Scott and wife and 3 children, 8s. weekly ; William Clarke and wife and 6 children, 8s. weekly.

79 7th October. **Gaoler's certificate** that the directions for regulating gaols have been complied with.

80 7th October. **Certificate** that the roads set out by the commissioners under the Act of 45 George III. for enclosing lands in the parishes of Carlton, Chellington, and Steventon, have been formed and completed.

81 7th October. **Certificate** that a common bridge over the river Ivel, commonly called Clay Bridge, the south part whereof to the middle of the stream is in the parish of Clifton, and the north part to the middle of the stream is in the parish of Southill in the highway there leading from the parish of Henlow to the parish of Northill, has been repaired.

82 7th October. **Certificate** that the roads set out by the commissioners under the Act of 45 George III. for enclosing lands in the parish of Chellington, &c., have been formed and completed.

83 2nd December. **Certificate** of the conviction of Joseph Smith, of St. Paul's, Bedford, wheelwright, and Edward Allen, of St. Peter's, Bedford, cordwainer, for using 3 dogs, viz., a greyhound, a lurcher, and a spaniel for destroying hares in the daytime in the parish of Kempston.

84 24th December. **Return** of the Bedfordshire Militia: 1 colonel, 1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 major, 3 captains, 5 lieutenants, 3 ensigns, 1 captain and adjutant, 18 sergeants including 2 staff sergeants, 12 corporals, 12 drummers including 1 drum-major, and 356 privates including newly enrolled men.

99 **Account** for repairs to the gaol, &c.—Making two hemp beaters for the gaol, 2s. 7½d.

101 **Gaoler's account**:—Removing, by a "habeas corpus," John Dimmock, charged with felony, to Newgate, and coach to Hoxton to see Christopher Gray, £5 4s. 6d. Publicly whipping John Summerfield at Ampthill, man, chaise hire, &c., £2.

124 **Gaoler's account**:—Publicly whipping, at the cart's tail for a distance of 100 yards in Bedford, Thomas Peck, 13s. Removing and putting on board the hulks at Woolwich 3 convicts, under sentence of transportation, £20.

132 **Account** for repairs to Harrold Bridge.

8th April. **Presentment** that an ancient highway leading from the town of Harlington to the town of Barton, and the whole of the said highway lying in the parish of Streatley, containing in length 338 poles or perches, and in breadth 12 feet, "where the ground between the fences will admit thereof," is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Streatley ought to repair the same. 141

8th April. **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Harlington to the town of Hexton in the county of Hertford, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Barton, from the beginning of the parish of Barton adjoining the parish of Streatley to the turnpike road leading from the town of Silsoe to the town of Luton, containing 287 poles in length and 12 feet in breadth, "where the ground between the fences enclosing the same will admit thereof," is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Barton ought to repair the same. 142

7th October. **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from Warden street in the parish of Warden to the town of Shefford, a certain part whereof, adjoining the parish of Southill, in the parish of Warden, containing in length 242 yards, and in breadth about 24 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Warden ought to repair the same. 143

Presentment that the bridge over the river Ivel, called Clay Bridge, the south part whereof to the middle of the stream is in the parish of Clifton, and the north part whereof to the middle of the stream is in the parish of Southill, leading from the parish of Henlow, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the county ought to repair the same. 151

15th April. Hoxton. **Letter** from E. Burrow to Mr. Howard, "keeper of the county castle." Herewith I have sent you my bill for the board, &c., of the late Christopher Guy, who died the 13th inst. "As he died in a mortified state I was obliged to have him buried as soon as possible, which was my reason for not acquainting you sooner. Should anything in future occur within the circle of your acquaintance I hope I shall be honoured with your favours." 156

1808.

5th January. **Warrant** for the arrest of William Edmund, of Studham, hired servant in husbandry, for absconding from the service of James Walters, who occupies a large farm at Studham, partly in Bedfordshire and partly in Hertfordshire, and on the said Edmund absconding he applied to a Herts. magistrate for a warrant, but Edmund had gone into that part of Studham which lies in Bedfordshire. The warrant was then addressed to the constable of Studham in Bedfordshire who 1

was told to bring Edmund to the "extent of the county" where a Hertfordshire constable would arrest him. Instead of doing this the constable of Studham in Bedfordshire permitted Edmund to escape and he has since enrolled himself as a substitute in the militia. The last mentioned constable is to be indicted for this escape.

8 6th May. **Order** by Edward Tanqueray, clerk, and James Horseman, clerk, justices of the peace, reciting that there is in the county of Bedford a highway leading from Studham to Dunstable, a certain part whereof, namely, so much thereof as is between a certain place called the corner of Eaton Craft Field nearest to Studham, and another corner of the said field near the road leading to Whipsnade, being in length 57 poles 2 links, one side of which lies in the parish of Whipsnade and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Whipsnade; and the other side lies in the parish of Studham and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of that parish. Also that there is in the said county another part of the said highway, namely, so much thereof as lies between a certain place called the corner of Land Park Wood and a certain place a little beyond the telegraph, where it joins the road leading to Kensworth, being in length 297 poles 17 links, one side whereof is in the parish of Whipsnade and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants thereof; and the other part is in the parish of Totternhoe and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants thereof. The justices now order that the said highway shall be divided as follows, namely, That at the distance of 28½ poles and 1 link, measuring from the place called Eaton Craft Field nearest to Studham "marked A in the plan," there shall be erected certain posts or stones E and F on each side of the said highway at a place marked B, and the whole of the said highway from the place marked A to such posts or stones marked E and F shall be from time to time and at all times hereafter repaired by the parish of Studham. And the whole of the said highway from such posts or stones to the place marked C, where certain posts or stones G and H shall be erected on each side of the highway, being 289 poles and 17 links in length, shall from time to time and at all times hereafter be repaired by the parish of Whipsnade. And the whole of the said highway from such posts and stones marked G and H to the place marked D, being 133 poles and 8 links in length, shall from time to time and at all times hereafter be repaired by the parish of Totternhoe.

Plan referred to, appended.

29 13th January. **List of prisoners**:—Joseph Bunyan, convicted of grand larceny, ordered to be kept to hard labor in the house of correction for one month, and until the then next market day at Luton, and to be then and there publicly whipped and discharged.

34 13th July. **List of prisoners**:—James Deacon and Richard Childs, convicted of grand larceny, ordered to be kept to hard labor in the house of correction for twelve months, and the then next market day at Ampthill, to be then and there publicly whipped.

5th October. **List of prisoners**:—Elizabeth, wife of John Reynolds, convicted of grand larceny, ordered to be transported for 7 years. James Washington, a rogue and vagabond, ordered to be confined in the house of correction for one month, and at the expiration of 14 days to be privately whipped, and at the expiration of the month to be publicly whipped at Bedford and discharged. 36

The **information** of John Gibbon, churchwarden of Toddington, Elizabeth Reynolds of the same place, widow, and Elizabeth, wife of William Wildman, of the same place, bricklayer; that a child named John Bright, aged three years, son of John Bright, of Toddington, had been unmercifully beaten and otherwise ill-treated by Hellen, wife of John Bright, its mother-in-law. 73

12th September. **Complaint** by Elizabeth Phillips, governess or matron of the parish workhouse of Shidlington, that Jemima Farrer assaulted her. 77

26th November. **Information** of Edward Dowdeswell, of Maulden, victualler. That on Monday morning last he missed two hives of bees with the honey from his garden, and found a quantity of honey and the comb in the house of Thomas Young, of Maulden. 79

13th January. **Certificate** that the bridge over the river Ivel, between the parish of Arlesey and Henlow, called Arlesey Bridge, has been repaired. 82

8th February. **Certificate** that the parish of Risely have provided John Bowyer to serve in the Bedfordshire Militia instead of George Watson, who was serving for the said parish, but has been appointed a corporal in the said militia in consequence of an augmentation. 83

17th September. **Certificate** that the public carriage roads and highways leading through and over the lands and grounds in the parish of Houghton Conquest, set out and appointed by the commissioners under the Act passed in the last session of Parliament for enclosing lands in the said parish, have been formed and completed. 90

5th October. **Gaoler's certificate** that the orders for regulating prisons have been complied with. 92

5th October. **Certificate** that a certain part of the highway, commonly called Shidlington Lane, lying in the parish of Shidlington, containing in length 2730 yards and in breadth 30 feet, which highway in one direction lies between the Red Sign Post public house and the beginning of the new road which leads to Hine bridge, and in another direction lies between the said public house and a cottage on the highway near the gate which leads to Shidlington Berry Farm in the said parish, has been repaired. 93

103 & 109 **Accounts** for repairs at Arlsey Bridge.

104 & 105 **Accounts** for repairing the County Hall.

108 **Gaoler's account**:—For privately whipping John Stanton, 5s., &c.

119 **Gaoler's quarterly account**:—For privately whipping William Mees, 5s. Publicly whipping John Brown at Woburn, chaise hire, assistant and other expenses, £2 15s. Publicly whipping Joseph Bunyan at Luton, post horses and expenses, £2 17s. 6d. To hanging by the neck and other expenses attending the execution of Joseph Merril, including nourishment, £4. Privately whipping William Taylor, 5s., &c., &c.

127 11th May. **Account** of Capt. Oliver. To breakfast for 70 privates belonging to the Dunstable and Houghton Volunteer Company (beer included), £3 10s. To dinner for the same number (beer included), £7. Paid to Mr. Thomas Squires for flints, 5s. 6d. "Pay" to 70 privates at one shilling each, £3 10s., &c.

133 **Gaoler's quarterly account**:—To straw for the prison, £1 10s. To removing and putting on board the "Retribution" hulk at Woolwich the following convicts for transportation, viz.:—Isaac Parker, Robert Luck and John Hill, £18. Providing dinners and other nourishment for sick prisoners, &c.

145 The like. To providing Mary Sullivan and Elizabeth Reynolds and others, sick persons, with candle, ponadoes and other nourishments, 12s. 6d. To publicly whipping Luke Litchfield at the carts tail at Dunstable, chaise cart hire and other expenses, £2 18 9d., &c , &c.

149 **Petition** of Samuel Binyon, of the parish of Cranfield, shewing that petitioner is an ancient parishioner of the said parish, and is now by age (being 72 years of age) and infirmities unable to support himself and his wife, that he has now allowed him 3s. per week from the parish, but as the same is very inadequate to keep them, being both unable to work, he prays for an advance on his allowance, "having a real objection to being put in the workhouse, which is in a very filthy and uncomfortable situation, as he has always been till lately in a clean and comfortable situation as a tradesman," or to be provided with a more comfortable place than the workhouse.

155 **Indictment** of James Woods, otherwise James Gillett, late of Wilden, laborer, for falsely declaring to John Bird that he was not troubled with fits and obtaining from him one shilling to enlist in the 40th regiment of foot.

Presentment that Arlsey Bridge, the last part whereof to the middle of the stream is in the parish of Arlsey, and the west part to the middle of the stream is in the parish of Henlow, in the highway there leading from Clifton to Stotfold, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the county ought to repair the same. 156

Presentment that there is a public bridge in the parish of Luton in a public footway there leading from Pepper Lane, otherwise Pepper Alley, otherwise Rosemary Lane, otherwise Louce Lane, otherwise Louse Lane, to a certain moor called the Little Moor in the said parish, and that Leonard Hampson of the said parish, gent., unlawfully took down, broke, and prostrated the said bridge. 157

Presentment also that there is a public footway in the parish aforesaid, and that the said Leonard Hampson unlawfully took down and prostrated another bridge there lying in the said footway and obstructed the said way.

1809.

11th January. **List of prisoners** :—James Titmus and John Lawrence, convicted of grand larceny, ordered to be transported for 7 years. Thomas Young, convicted of grand larceny, ordered to be imprisoned and kept to hard labour in the house of correction for 2 months and until the then next market day at Ampthill, and to be there and then publicly whipped and discharged. 23

12th April. **List of prisoners** :—Jeremiah Cole, a rogue and vagabond, ordered to be imprisoned for one month, and to be publicly whipped at Toddington and discharged. 26

3rd May. **Information** of William Biggs, of Paul's Warden, in the County of Hertford, miller, that Samuel Leighton, a servant of his father, John Biggs, stole from him at his said father's house at Bromham, two guineas in gold, a Bedford bank-note, and some silver. 69

11th January. **Certificate** by James Whitbread and William Wilshire, that they have viewed an ancient highway, leading from Warden Street in the parish of Warden to the town of Shefford, and particularly a certain part thereof lying in the parish of Warden, containing in length 242 yards and in breadth 24 feet, and have found the same repaired. 84

11th January. **Certificate** that the public bridge over the brook called Shitlington Brook in the parish of Upper Gravenhurst, leading from the town of Shitlington to the town of Upper Gravenhurst called Gravenhurst Bridge, for the length of 15 feet and of the breadth of 10 feet has been repaired. 85

86 11th April. **Certificate** by Joseph Squire, Thomas Scott, George Hall, William Christmas, Richard Underwood, Samuel Gutteridge, William Garrett, and Samuel Shattock, house-holders and inhabitants of the parish of Dunstable, that the dwelling house of Thomas Hallifax, situate in the west end of Dunstable, is henceforth intended to be used by them and others, Protestant dissenters from the Church of England called Peculiar Baptists, as a place for divine worship.

89 26th September. **Certificate** by William Holdstock, James Newberry, William Carn, and Thomas Spiggins, householders and inhabitants of the parish of Streatley, that the dwelling house of Thomas Blindell, situate at Streatley, is intended to be used by them and others, Protestant dissenters from the Church of England, as a place for divine worship.

92 4th October. **Gaoler's certificate** that certain enactments for the regulations of gaols have been complied with.

94 25th December. A **return** of the Bedfordshire Militia. It consists of 1 colonel, 1 lieutenant colonel, 1 major, 5 captains, 6 lieutenants, 2 ensigns, 1 captain and adjutant, 1 surgeon, 1 quartermaster, 1 sergeant major, 21 sergeants, 12 drummers including drum major, 21 corporals and 383 privates.

95a **Gaoler's quarterly account**:—To providing sick prisoners with ponadoes, broths, meat, &c. To removing and putting on board the hulk at Woolwich, William Hall and James Bennett, guards and expenses, £12. Privately whipping James Washington and James Denton, 10s., and publicly whipping James Washington at Bedford 10s. 6d.

108 **Gaoler's quarterly account**:—Publicly whipping James Young at Ampthill, chaise, &c., £1 1s.

110 January. **Account** of John Kingston, constable of Ampthill, for apprehending and keeping in custody ——— Lane, who was charged on suspicion of being concerned in the murder of James Crick and his housekeeper at Lidlington.

111 Easter Sessions. **A list of persons** convicted of transportable offences and sentenced to transportation, hard labour or confinement in the house of correction, and of persons capitally convicted who have been pardoned on condition of transportation or imprisonment at the lent and summer assizes in the year 1808.

123 **Gaoler's quarterly account**:—Publicly whipping Jeremiah Coles at Toddington, chaise and all expenses, £2 1s. Publicly whipping James Deacon and Richard Childs at Ampthill, chaise hire and expenses, £2 9s. 6d., &c.

Account of T. Webb:—Printing 200 sheet post letters to parishes to discontinue allowances to Militia men volunteering, &c. 126

Indictment of Thomas Young, of the parish of Maulden, labourer, for stealing two stocks of bees, value 10s.; six pounds of honey, value 5s,; one pound of bees-wax, value 10d.; and two straw bee hives, value 1s. 170

Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from Warden Street, in the parish of Warden, to the town of Shefford, a certain part whereof adjoining to the town of Southill, lying in the parish of Warden, containing in length 242 yards and in breadth 24 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Warden ought to repair the same. 179

Presentment that a public bridge over the brook called Shitlington Brook, in the parish of Upper Gravenhurst, leading from the town of Shitlington to the town of Upper Gravenhurst, is in decay, and that Benjamin Yates, of the parish of St. John's, Clerkenwell, in the County of Middlesex, gent., ought, by reason of the tenure of his lands and tenements, to repair the same. 180

Old Newspapers and Gazettes. 181—182

1810.

2nd January. **Order** by Samuel Whitbread, Esq., and James Webster, clerk, justices of the peace. Recites that having upon view found that a certain part of a public highway in the parish of Sandy, lying between a certain turnpike road in the said parish, commonly called the Great North Road and the village of Sandy, beginning at and leading from a certain point or part of the said footway, which lies between two trees in the parish of Sandy, across the mill water or mill stream, along a private carriage road or lane, now or heretofore called Christmas Lane, and across the lands and grounds of Dame Elizabeth Monoux, widow, into the churchyard, and belonging to the parish church of Sandy in the said parish, for the length of one furlong and thirty poles or thereabouts, and particularly described in the plan annexed; and being that part which is in the said plan described to be between two trees and Sandy churchyard as described in the said plan, may be diverted and turned so as to make the same more commodious to the public. And having viewed a course proposed for the new footway in lieu thereof through the lands and grounds of Dame Mary Paine, widow, the Honourable Samuel Henley Ongley and Frances, his wife, Richard Franklin and Judith Reddall, his wife, and Lucy Monoux, spinster, into a certain part of the village of Sandy, commonly called Jeeves's Lane, of the length of one furlong, 24 poles and 4 yards or thereabouts, and of the breadth of 5 feet or thereabouts, particularly described in the plan annexed; and having received evidence of the consent of the said Dame Mary Paine, Samuel Henley 1

Ongley and Frances, his wife, and Richard Franklin and Judith Reddall, his wife, and Lucy Monoux to the said new footway being made through their lands, they order that the said footway be diverted and turned through the lands aforesaid.

2 The **plan** mentioned above.

3 30th December, 1809. The **consent** mentioned above.

6 15th January. **Notice** by George Cardale, rector of Milbrooke, that he intends to apply to the justices at the quarter sessions to have two persons appointed, and a third person appointed by such two, as arbitrators, by virtue of an Act of 35 George III., for enquiring and ascertaining from the London Gazette the average price of a Winchester bushel of good marketable wheat within the county of Bedford for the space of fourteen years next preceding such quarter sessions, in order that the yearly rent or sum which, by virtue of the said Act, is made payable to the rector of Milbrooke may be increased or diminished, and declared by an Order of the said court.

7—11 & 21 **Documents** referring to the same matter. See also *post* No. 121.

12 28th April. **Certificate** by W. Wilshire and Richard Parkes, justices of the peace, that having upon view found that a certain highway in the hamlet of Stopsley, leading from the village of Stopsley, in the parish of Luton to Offley, of the length of 43 poles or thereabouts, lying between the land of Richard Edridge, called Hither Benwells, and proceeding eastwardly and northwardly to the south-west corner of a close of Thomas Moores, called Innings, and particularly described in the plan annexed, may be diverted and turned so as to make the same nearer to the public. And having viewed a course proposed for the said new highway in lieu thereof, through the lands and grounds of the said Richard Edridge, of the length of 32 poles or thereabouts, and of the breadth of 30 feet, particularly described in the plan annexed, commencing at the south side of a close of the said Richard Edridge, called Hither Benwells, and proceeding northwardly across the said close, and also across another close of the said Richard Edridge, called Further Benwells, to the south-east corner of a close of Thomas Morris, called Innings, where it enters the ancient highway. And having received evidence of the consent of the said Richard Edridge to the said new highway being made through his lands, they order that the said old highway be diverted and turned as aforesaid; and in compensation, exchange and satisfaction to the said Richard Edridge for the ground over which the road is intended to be diverted and turned, they assign and exchange to and with the said Richard Edridge the site and soil of so much of the said old highway as is hereby directed to be diverted and turned and intended to be stopped up.

13 The **plan** mentioned above.

14 The **consent** mentioned above.

28th April. **Order** by William Wilshire and Richard Parkes, that having upon view found that a certain part of a certain public footway within the hamlet of Stopsley, in the parish of Luton, leading from the village of Lilley to the town of Luton, containing in length 34 perches or thereabouts, through and over certain land of John Sowerby, Esq., in the said hamlet of Stopsley, commencing at the west corner of a close of the said John Sowerby, in the parish of Offley, called Great Hayes, and proceeding south-westwardly over part of a close of the said John Sowerby, in the said hamlet of Stopsley, called the Thrift, to the west end of the same close particularly described in the plan hereunto annexed, and thereon coloured red, may be diverted and turned so as to make the same more commodious to the public. And having viewed a course proposed for the new public footway in lieu thereof, through and over the lands and grounds of the said John Sowerby, in the hamlet of Stopsley, of the length of 45 perches or thereabouts, particularly described in the plan annexed, and thereon colored blue; commencing at the north corner of a close of the said John Sowerby, in the hamlet of Stopsley, called the Thrift, and proceeding south-westwardly and southwardly along part of the north-west end of the said close, and then entering the ancient footway at the point where the said part of the said footway hereby diverted and turned terminates. And having received evidence of the consent of the said John Sowerby to the said new public footway being made through his lands, they order that the said public footway be diverted and turned as aforesaid, and that the said old footway be vested in the said John Sowerby. 15

The **plan** mentioned above. 16

The **consent** mentioned above. 17

10th January. **List of prisoners**:—Joseph Bunyan, the elder, Joseph Bunyan, the younger, and William Bunyan, convicted of grand larceny, ordered to be transported for seven years. James Fuller, convicted of larceny, ordered to be imprisoned and kept to hard labour for three months, and to be publicly whipped at the then next market day at the town of Bedford. 47

2nd May. **List of prisoners**:—John Allday, otherwise Day, convicted of larceny, ordered to be imprisoned for six months, and to be publicly whipped on the next market day at Ampthill and discharged. 49

9th April. **Information** of Thomas Yorke, of Shelton, yeoman, that Thomas Shiphard, with whom he lodged, stole from him a gilt metal watch. 102

6th July. **Certificate** by Edward Platt, gent., surveyor of the public carriage roads and highways in the parish of Eversholt, appointed by the commissioners under the Act of 46 George III. for enclosing lands in the parish of Eversholt, that the said roads have been formed and completed. 118

119 Midsummer Sessions. **Certificate** by Edward Tanqueray and James Horseman, that the public carriage roads leading thro' the parish of Eversholt, set out by the commissioners under the Act of 46 George III. for enclosing the lands in the parish of Eversholt, are formed and completed.

120 29th September. **Certificate** by Edward Tanqueray and George Cardale, that they have viewed an ancient highway leading from the town of Harlington to the town of Barton, lying in the parish of Streatley, containing in length 338 poles and in breadth 12 feet, where the ground between the fences enclosing the same will admit thereof; and have found the same repaired.

121 10th July. **Certificate** by John Fellows, Thomas Thorpe and James Lilburne, that they find the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat in the county of Bedford for the past fourteen years was 9s. 3d.

122 1st October. **Certificate** by William Briden, surgeon, of Great Coram Street, Russell Square, London, that William Goodman, of Marchmont Street, Russell Square, London, since Monday, 24th September, is suffering with "natural small pox."

123 **Gaoler's Certificate** as to the state of the gaol.

124 25th December. A **return** of the Bedfordshire Militia. It consists of 464 officers and men.

126 **Gaoler's quarterly account**:—Removing and putting on board the "Retribution" hulk at Woolwich, James Titmus and John Lawrence, guards and other expenses, £12. Publicly whipping William Holt at Dunstable, post chaise and other expenses, £2 18s. 9d.

146 Easter Sessions. **Gaoler's quarterly account**:—Removing Joseph Bunyan the elder, Joseph Bunyan the younger, and William Bunyan on board the "Retribution" hulk at Woolwich, in order to be transported for seven years, £15. Publicly whipping James Fuller in the market at Bedford, 10s. 6d.

164 Michaelmas Sessions. To putting on board the "Retribution" hulk at Woolwich, Robert George, a convict under sentence of transportation for fourteen years, £6 12s. 6d.

184 2nd May. **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Little Staughton to the turnpike road to Bedford through part of the parish of Colmworth, beginning at a brook-ford situate or near the place called Whitebrook Field, in the parish of Colmworth, and going through part of the village of Colmworth and by the fields

called Shelford Way and Three Score Acre Field, and up Pennysend and by a field called Copley to the turnpike road leading to Bedford, all in the parish of Colmworth, containing in length 3,930 yards, and in breadth 18 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Colmworth ought to repair the same.

Indictment of Mary Fensum, wife of George Fensum, of Luton, labourer, for stealing 240 yards of straw plait, value 60s., the goods of James Irons; and of Elizabeth Day, wife of John Day, of the same place, labourer, for receiving the same. 188

8th April. **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Harlington to the town of Barton, the whole of which, lying in the parish of Streatley, containing in length 338 poles, and in breadth 12 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Streatley ought to repair the same. 189

3rd April. **Indenture** of apprenticeship of William Lilley, of the parish of St. Cuthbert, Bedford, to James Hustler of Shefford, mason. 200

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16th January. On **Appeal** by Moses Wilson, the Court [of Quarter Sessions] decides as follows :— 3

1st Question.—Whether occupiers of lands are liable to perform statute duty on new roads set out by the Commissioners before they are formed and completed?

Occupiers are not liable to perform statute duty on new roads set out by the Commissioners, before they are formed and completed.

2nd Question.—Whether occupiers of lands are liable to perform statute duty on such old roads as existed before the Enclosure Act and are continued by the Commissioners?

Occupiers continue liable to the repair of such of the old roads as are continued and set out by the Commissioners.

3rd Question.—Whether Commissioners have power by their Surveyor to call for the performance of statute duty?

The Surveyor appointed by the Commissioners is not under that Authority alone empowered to call on the occupiers to perform statute duty.

24 2nd September. **Order** by Samuel Whitbread and Richard Parkes, Esquires, justices of the peace, reciting that, having viewed a certain part of a common footway, leading from the town street of Luton in a north-eastwardly direction down Barber's Lane, in the township of Luton, in the said hundred (Flitt), lying in part between the lands and grounds of Leonard Hampson, of Luton, Esq., and James Gutteridge, of Eaton Green, in the said parish, gent., and on the remaining part between the lands and grounds of the said Leonard Hampson for the length of 432½ yards, and particularly described between the letters A and B in the plan annexed, may be diverted and turned so as to make the same nearer and more commodious to the public ; and having viewed a course proposed for the new footway in lieu thereof through the lands and grounds of the said Leonard Hampson and James Gutteridge, respectively, of the length of 427½ yards or thereabouts, and of the breadth of 6 feet or thereabouts, particularly described by the name of the new footway between the said letters A and B in the plan annexed, and having received evidence of the respective consents of the said Leonard Hampson and James Gutteridge for the said new footway to be made through their lands and ground before described, they now order that the said footway be diverted and turned as aforesaid ; they also order that so much of another public footway in the said place, between the letters C and D on the annexed plan, leading from Rosemary Lane, in the said parish and town of Luton, as goes across the land of the said Leonard Hampson to and into the said old highway called Barbors Lane, be diverted into the said new footway set out at the mark C in the said plan, and that the same so leading to the said new footway be stopped up.

25 The **plan** mentioned above.

26 The **consent** mentioned above.

32 9th October. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that the inhabitants of the parish of Wootton pay a fine of £700 for not repairing a certain part of an ancient highway leading from the parish of Marston Moretaine to the town of Bedford situate in the parish of Wootton, commencing at the end of a lane in the parish of Marston Moretaine called Hoo Lane, and extending to a lane in the parish of Kempston called Kempston Lane, and leading towards Kempston Hardwick, containing in length 3,278 yards or thereabouts, and in breadth 11 yards or thereabouts, whereof they are indicted and convicted.

33 9th October. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that the inhabitants of the hamlet of Leegrave, in the parish of Luton, pay a fine of £517 for not repairing a certain part of an ancient highway leading from the town of Dunstable to the town of Luton, situate in the said hamlet of Leegrave, beginning at or near the boundary of the said hamlet of Leegrave next the parish of Houghton Regis and ending at or near the boundary of the said hamlet of Leegrave next the hamlet of Sunbury-cum-Biscott, in the Parish of Luton, and containing in length 1 mile 864 yards, and in breadth 40 feet, whereof they are indicted and convicted.

11th March. **Order** at Petty Sessions by Richard Parkes and the Rev. John Hawkins, reciting that Elisha Thrussell, one of the surveyors of the highways of the hamlet of Sunbury-cum-Biscott, had informed them that there is a common highway in the parish of Luton, leading from Luton to Bedford, a certain part whereof lies between a certain place where the said highway is crossed by the road leading from Hitchin to Sunbury, and a certain other place lying at the south-east corner of the said hamlet of Sunbury-cum-Biscott where the said highway enters wholly into the hamlet of Stopsley, being in length 1 mile 5 furlongs and 35 links, one side of which last mentioned part of the said highway, adjoining the hamlet of Sunbury-cum-Biscott, lies within the hamlet of Sunbury-cum-Biscott, and ought to be repaired by the said hamlet, and the other side of the same part of the said highway, adjoining the hamlet of Stopsley, lies within the hamlet of Stopsley, and ought to be repaired by the said hamlet. He also stated that the repair of such part of the said highway was very inconvenient to the said hamlets, and the want thereof detrimental to the public, and prayed that such part of the said highway might be allotted and apportioned for the repair thereof by the justices aforesaid to the said hamlets, in the manner directed by an Act of 34 George III., for more effectually repairing of such parts of the highways of this kingdom as are to be repaired by two parishes. The justices now order that the said highway shall be divided in the following manner, viz., that at the distance of 6 furlongs, 20 poles and 17 links measuring southward from the place marked A in the plan annexed, at which place the said highway is crossed by the road leading from Hitchin to Sunbury, and where the same highway leads into the parish of Streatley, there shall be erected a post or stone on the side of the said highway, 11 poles to the south of the 34th milestone from London. And the whole of the said highway from the place marked A in the said plan to such post or stone shall be from time to time and at all times hereafter repaired by the said hamlet of Sunbury-cum-Biscott. And the whole of the said highway from such post or stone to the place marked B in the said plan, at the south-east corner of the said hamlet of Sunbury-cum-Biscot, where the said highway enters wholly into the said hamlet of Stopsley, shall be from time to time and at all times hereafter repaired by the said hamlet of Stopsley. 34

The **plan** mentioned above. 35

1st November. **Order** at a general meeting of the lieutenancy of Bedfordshire that the remuneration of thirty guineas be allowed to each of the two adjutants of the two regiments of local Militia, Mr. Bailey and Mr. Mitchell for their trouble and expense in attending sub-division meetings for the purposes of the local Militia. 37

27th November. **Order** by Samuel Whitbread and the Rev. James Webster, justices of the peace, reciting that having found that a certain part of a bridle way, in the parish of Sandy, lying between a highway in the said parish commonly called Swan Lane, and the hamlet of Beeston, in the parish of Sandy, for the length of 1 furlong and 36 poles or thereabouts, and particularly described in the plan annexed, and being that part of the said bridle way which in the said plan is 42

described to lie between the letters A and B, and to lead out of Swan Lane and extend as far as the south side of a close of arable land called or known by the name of Mill Garden, near Sandy Mill, in the said parish of Sandy, may be diverted and turned so as to make the same more commodious to the public, and having viewed a course proposed for the new bridle way in lieu thereof through the lands and grounds of the Hon. Samuel Henley Ongley, of the length of two furlongs and sixteen poles or thereabouts, and of the breadth of twenty feet or thereabouts, particularly described in the plan annexed, and having received evidence of the consent of the said Samuel Henley Ongley to the said new bridle way being made through his lands, they order that the said bridle way be diverted and turned as aforesaid.

43 The **plan** mentioned above.

44 Duplicate **plan.**

45 **Order** that the old bridleway mentioned above be stopped up, and the land and soil thereof be vested in the said Samuel Henley Ongley.

46 The **consent** mentioned above.

47 Undated. **Order** by Samuel Whitbread and James Webster, that having viewed the several footways described in the plan annexed, they order that the old footway, being of the length of one furlong, 30 poles and of the breadth of five feet upon a medium, be stopped up, and the land and soil vested in the Hon. Samuel Henley Ongley.

48 The **plan** mentioned above, "being a plan shewing the situation of a footway and bridleway over the estate of the Hon. Mr. Ongley in the parish of Sandy, intended to be stopped up and discontinued, and of *those (sic)* to be set out and used in their stead, 1811."

139 7th January. **Complaint** of William Bigg, of the parish of Potten, shopkeeper, against the Rev. Edward Drax Free for assaulting him when he presented his bill, and using "opprobrious language, calling him villain, rascal, scoundrel, cheat and methodist."

170 30th March. "**Measurement**" of a public road or highway in the parish of Clophill, in the county of Bedford, commencing at an old enclosure in the parish of Haynes in the occupation of George Smith, and thence proceeding in a south-easterly direction to the village of Clophill, where it enters the town street; "15 poles, half in the parish of Haynes and half in the parish of Clophill, in a passable state of repair; 20 poles entirely in the parish of Clophill very bad; 2 furlongs, 12 poles entirely in the parish of Clophill to the turning leading to Chicksands Wood, about 30 feet wide, in a passable state; 36 poles between Old Enclosures on one side and New Inclosures on the other side, good road; 36 poles entirely between Old Enclosures of sufficient width but not formed, very bad; 20 poles, road only 13 feet wide, very bad; 2 furlongs, 39 poles, road into the town street of Clophill only 15 feet wide, on the average not so bad as the last."

7th August. **Certificate** by John Fellowes, John Thorpe, and Joseph Aris that the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat in the county of Bedford for the last fourteen years is 9s. 6d. 177

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25th December. A **return** of the 1st Regiment of Bedfordshire local Militia. It consists of 1061 officers and men. 181

25th December. A **return** of the 2nd Regiment of Bedfordshire local Militia. It consists of 819 officers and men. 182

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Account of James Lilburne for building Harrowden Bridge. 195

Gaoler's quarterly account:—To providing Paul Freshwater, &c., with ponadoes, broths, teas and other nourishments for six weeks, £2 8s. Post chaise to Ampthill with John Allday to be publicly whipped, £2 3s. 6d. 201

Gaoler's quarterly account:—To removing and putting on the hulk at Woolwich, William Mizzledene, a convict for transportation, £6 12s. 6d., &c. 233

Gaoler's quarterly account:—To publicly whipping Richard Albone (*sic*) at the cart's tail 100 yards at Bedford, £1 1s. Privately whipping James Kitely, 5s., &c. 237

1st November. **Estimate** for completing the public carriage road in the parish of Wootton leading from the parish of Kempston to the parish of Marston. 244

Presentment that the public bridge over Harrowden brook in the hamlet of Eastcotts in the parish of Cardington, leading from the town of Shefford to the town of Bedford, called Harrowden Bridge, being a common highway, for the length of 40 feet, and of the breadth of 16 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the county ought to repair the same. 279

Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the parish of Marston Moretaine to the town of Bedford, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Wootton, commencing at the end of a lane in the parish of Marston Moretaine, called Hoo Lane, and extending to a lane in the parish of Kempston, called Kempstone Lane, and 280

leading towards Kempston Hardwicke, containing in length 3278 yards or thereabouts, and in breadth 11 yards or thereabouts, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Wootton ought to repair the same.

281 **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Dunstable to the town of Luton, a certain part whereof lying in the hamlet of Leegrave, in the parish of Luton, beginning at or near the boundary of the hamlet of Leegrave next the parish of Houghton Regis, and ending at or near the boundary of the said hamlet next the hamlet of Sunbury-cum-Biscott, in the parish of Luton, containing in length 1 mile 864 yards, and in breadth 40 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the hamlet of Leegrave ought to repair the same.

283 **Indictment** of Francis Miller, of the parish of Cranfield, yeoman, for rescuing a cow from the common pound of the manor of Cranfield.

285 **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the village of Southill to the village of Clophill, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Haynes, commencing at the eastern corner of a wood, called Chicksands Wood, and ending where the same highway enters the parish of Clophill, containing in length 1107 yards, and in breadth 33 feet or thereabouts, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Haynes ought to repair the same.

286 **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Harlington to the town of Hexton, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Barton from the beginning of the said parish adjoining the parish of Streatly, to the turnpike road leading from the town of Silsoe to the town of Luton, containing 287 poles in length, and 12 feet in breadth, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Barton ought to repair the same.

287 **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the village of Hawnes to the village of Clophill, a certain part whereof situate in in the parish of Hawnes, commencing at an old enclosure in the said parish in the occupation of George Smith, and thence proceeding in a south-eastwardly direction to the village of Clophill aforesaid, containing in length 15 poles, and of the breadth of 10 feet or thereabouts, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Hawnes ought to repair the same.

288 **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the village of Hawnes to the village of Malden, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Clophill, commencing at an old enclosure in the parish of Hawnes, in the occupation of George Smith, and thence proceeding in a south-eastwardly direction to the village of Clophill aforesaid, where it enters the town street there, containing in length 1 mile 2 furlongs and 30 poles, and of various breadths, the greatest being 30 feet and the least breadth 13 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Clophill ought to repair the same.

17th October. **Letter** from T. Mitchell to John Miller, justice of the peace. There is a young man confined in the county gaol by the name of John Field, under a charge of beating his servant; he was committed a short time since by Mr. Wiltshire. Mr. Field is of a respectable family near Shefford, and humbly begs you will ameliorate his situation by allowing him to have other nourishment than the common gaol allowance; he begs to be allowed a little port wine at proper times, and for his friends to have free access to him. 297

Letter from John Field to John Miller, justice of the peace, asking to be allowed to see his friends and to have some wine occasionally at his own expense. 298

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8th April. **Order** for the discharge of William Lilley from his apprenticeship with James Hustler, of Campton-cum-Shefford, mason, on account of neglect of duties by the said William. 12

See also No. 144.

18th August. **Order** by George Cardale and James Horseman, justices of peace. Reciting that having found that a certain part of a highway in the parish of Tingrith, known by the name of Watery Lane, lying between a cottage called Higham Cottage and the north-east corner of a farm "homestall" in the said parish, in the occupation of Robert Poulton, for the length of 396 yards or thereabouts, and particularly described in the plan annexed, as lying between the letters A and B, and also a certain part of a highway in the said parish, lying between a road or highway called the Westoning Road and the north-west corner of a close of arable land in the parish of Tingrith, called Ram Alley Close, where the same joins a road or highway leading from the village of Tingrith to Woburn for the length of 999 yards, and particularly described in the plan annexed, as lying between the letters C and D. And also a certain part of a highway within the said parish of Tingrith, commonly called Church Lane, branching out of the last described highway in a southward direction at the north-west corner of a close of pasture, commonly called Lower Home Close, and lying between the said north-west corner of the said last-mentioned close and the south-west corner of Tingrith Churchyard, for the length of 425 yards or thereabouts, and particularly described in the plan annexed lying between the letters E and G, may be diverted and turned without inconvenience, and so as to make the same more convenient to the public. And having viewed a course proposed for the new highway in lieu thereof through the lands and grounds of Robert Trevor, Esq., of the length of 462 yards or thereabouts, and of the breadth of 30 feet or thereabouts, particularly described in the plan annexed, and having received evidence of the consent of the said Robert Trevor for the said new highway to be made through his lands, they order that the said highway be diverted and turned as aforesaid. 27

28 The **plan** mentioned above.

29 The **consent** mentioned above.

30 18th August. **Order** that the old highway mentioned above be vested in the said Robert Trevor.

33 11th September. Measurements of a public carriage road or highway in the parishes of Dunton and Sutton, commencing at the hand-post near the village of Dunton and proceeding in a northwardly direction between enclosures to the parish of Sutton, which it enters at a bridge between the two parishes, and from thence continuing nearly in the same direction in the parish of Sutton to a hand post near the village of Sutton, where it enters another road leading from the said village towards Potton. The measurements follow :—

Road in the parish of Dunton—from the hand post near the village to the bridge between the parishes of Dunton and Sutton, average width 40 feet but not formed, 1 mile 26 poles.

Road in the parish of Sutton—from the bridge between the two parishes to the hand post near the village of Sutton, 7 furlongs 29 poles ; 3 furlongs and 29 poles of this road (next the parish of Dunton) is of the average width of 23 feet, the remainder is sufficiently wide.

35 26th September. **Particulars** of a road called Langford Lane in the hamlet of Holm, in the parish of Biggleswade, lying between the boundary of the township of Biggleswade and Holm Mill Bridge joining the parish of Southill. Total length 1600 yards, mean breadth 8 yards 1 foot 10 inches.

36 5th October. **Particulars** of a survey of a road leading from Holwell to Shitlington, being that part of the said road which lies between Holwell Church and a place called Lower Stondon in the parish of Shitlington ; where it joins the road that leads from Shitlington to the Hitchin turnpike road. Total length, 2794 yards ; mean breadth, 9 yards 1 foot.

37 7th October. **Order** at Quarter Sessions fixing the sums for the hire of carriages employed in conveying troops in addition to the customary rates of 1s., 9d., and 6d. viz. :—4d. for every mile any waggon with 4 or more horses, or any wain with 6 oxen or 4 oxen and 2 horses ; 3d. per mile any cart with 4 horses, or carrying not less than 15 hundredweight, and 2d. per mile any cart or carriage with less than 4 horses and not carrying 15 hundredweight.

54 Fragment of **particulars** of a road :—In Clophill parish from the Stocks Tree in the parish of Clophill towards Haynes as far as the road is bad, 4 furlongs 14 poles. The old lane, 28½ chains long, 15 feet wide ; remainder, 15 chains long, 23 feet wide.

In Flitton Parish, from the handpost by the village of Flitton to Warehedges, from Flitton to Barton, 2 furlongs, 32 poles, not formed, average width, 23 feet. From Fletton Church towards Westoning as far as the parish of Flitton extends, 2 furlongs, 1 pole, average width, 30 feet.

In Harlington Parish, from the handpost by the bridge on the road leading from Westoning to Toddington as far up the hill as the new enclosure extends, 5 furlongs, 18 poles, average width, 30 feet.

15th January. **List of prisoners** sentenced :—George Townsend, Benjamin Lee, and Thomas Baldock, severally convicted of larceny, are severally ordered and adjudged to pay a fine of 1s. ; to be imprisoned in the common gaol till Friday, 17th January, then to be taken to the town of Eaton Socon and there publicly whipped and discharged. Samuel Fanch, convicted of an assault, is ordered to pay a fine of 1s. ; to be imprisoned in the common gaol for 1 year, during which time he is to be twice publicly whipped, that is to say he is to be conveyed to the market town of Woburn, on Tuesday, 26th June, to be there publicly whipped and then to be conveyed back to gaol, where he is to remain till Saturday, 26th December, then to be publicly whipped in the market place of Bedford and to be conveyed back to gaol where he is to remain till the expiration of the said year, when he is to find 2 sureties in £50 each for his good behaviour for 1 year, and in default to be imprisoned for another year. Joseph Read, convicted of being a rogue and vagabond and being above the age of 12 years, is ordered to be employed in His Majesty's service by sea. 69

20th February. **Examination** of Usef Bankowski, a rogue and vagabond. He was born in the Kingdom of Hungary, and served in the English Navy and was wounded, and had been wandering and begging in England for nine months past. 140

Confession of Elizabeth Medlock, who broke open the prison door in the town of Potton to let out two men confined there for riotous and disorderly conduct. 142

See Indictment, No. 263.

18th June. **Information** and complaint of James Boston, of Pavenham. That on the morning of Sunday, the 7th inst., he was dressing himself in a meadow of Mr. John Somes, in the parish of Pavenham, after bathing in the river Ouze, in the water belonging to the said John Somes, when he, John Somes, threw a coat of this Examinant into the river, and then seized him by his arms and pushed him backwards into the river ; and that the said John Somes held him and got into the water with him, and put him under and held him under the water till his breath was nearly spent. 145

148 1st July. **Information** of John Brittain, of Biggleswade, that John Barker, Innholder, of Biggleswade, Samuel Bartle, the younger, barber, of the same, and William Squire, butcher, of the same, with divers others to the number of 100 or 150 did, on 23rd June last, disturb the public peace in Biggleswade.

See Indictment, No. 256.

160 4th September. **Deposition** of John Bennet, a waterman, living at Peterborough, that he was on the race ground this afternoon and lost his pocket-book containing £45 in £5 notes of the Oundle Bank, likewise his purse containing about 30s. in silver, mostly in dollars, one 1s. 6d. piece, one 3s. piece and perhaps a shilling or two, and one £1 (?) bill of the Oundle Bank, and one £1 note of the Peterborough Bank, marked on the back of the Bill in large letters "O N E," he further, says that the prisoner, now present, was in the act of snatching the watch out of his pocket when deponent seized his hand. The prisoner got from him, but soon afterwards deponent found him again, and told him that if he would give him his pocket-book back, which contained things of value, he would forgive him. Prisoner made no answer.

161 4th September. **Deposition** of Thomas Duks, of St. Ives, in the county of Huntingdon, waterman, that on the Bedford race course this afternoon, near the booths, he found the hand of the prisoner in his breeches pocket attempting to pick his pocket of a pocket [book] containing notes, &c. He seized the prisoner and has not since quitted him nor suffered him to depart.

The prisoner William ? says that he belongs to Horndon-on-the-Hill in Essex, that he came into this county to buy lace, that he went into the crowd where there was a fight, that he knows nothing of the matter.

162 4th September. **Deposition** of John Warden, of Bedford, straw-dealer, that this afternoon at the races he went into a booth to have some beer and saw the prisoner, whom he had noticed in the course of the day gambling upon the race ground, walking hastily toward a barley field, and another man, of shabby appearance, following him. Deponent crept softly after them, and saw prisoner and the other man sitting in the bottom of the ditch, and found the prisoner with a yellow canvas purse out and some dollars in his hand. Deponent took prisoner back to the booth. On the way the other man escaped. Deponent gave the prisoner in charge to Stephen Pryor, a constable; and in his cart, in custody of Pryor, prisoner was brought to Bedford.

163 4th September. **Deposition** of Stephen Pryer, constable of Bedford, that he was upon the race course assisting Mr. Fleming, of the Horse and Jockey, when the deponent, Warden, asked him to take charge of the prisoner who was under suspicion of theft. This deponent doubted whether the place was within the limits of his jurisdiction, but accompanied Warden and the prisoner to Bedford.

The prisoner says his name is Joseph Manard (?), that he lives at Northampton, and keeps an old clothes shop.

15th January, **Certificate** of John Pheasant, John Dowgett, Charles Evans, Isaac Whale, Samuel Wells and James Maynard, that the Reverend Henry Young Cheverton and the Reverend Archibald MacLaughlin, are regular itinerent ministers in the Methodist connection serving for the present year the united Methodist Churches, in the Bedfordshire circuit, at Bedford, Ampthill, Leighton Buzzard, Eaton Bray, &c. 166

Gaoler's quarterly return:—That the enactments for regulating the gaol have been complied with. 175

27th October. **Certificate** that a public carriage road in the parish of Harlington, beginning at the south end of an ancient lane in the parish of Harlington, called Hoard Lane, and proceeding nearly in a southward direction until it enters the parish of Sundon, which was set out by the commissioners under the Act of 48 George III, for enclosing lands in the parish of Harlington, is formed and completed. 176

28th November. **Certificate** of the conviction of Joseph Aytrup, of the parish of Bolnhurst, miller, for keeping back from Henry Clapham, of Wilden, labourer, half a bushel of wheat out of five bushels sent to him to be ground at his public mill at Bolnhurst, allowance being made of one pound and a half in each bushel for grinding and dressing the same, and also for neglecting to have in his said mill a table of prices for grinding or toll to be taken at his mill. 178

25th December. A **return** of the 1st Regiment of Bedfordshire local Militia, it consists of 169 officers and men. 179

25th December. A **return** of the Bedfordshire Militia now remaining embodied on war establishment by the King's warrant, dated 13th March, 1803, for calling out the Militia. 180

30th December. A **return** of the 2nd Regiment of Bedfordshire local Militia, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Lord St. John :— Effective strength, 652 officers and men ; wanting to complete, 85 ; total establishment, 746. 181

Gaoler's quarterly account:—Providing William Cuthbertson two and three meals per day, ponadoes, with wine, broths, poultices, &c., for 6 weeks, £2 18s. Post chaise and saddle horse with George Townsend, Benjamin Lee, and Thomas Baldock, to be each publicly whipped at Eaton Socon ; expenses in eating, horses, corn, postboy, &c., £4 2s. Publicly whipping Thomas White at the cart's tail on the market day at Bedford, 100 yards, 15s., &c. 199

207 **Gaoler's account.** May 12th. To removing and putting on board the "Captivity" hulk lying in Portsmouth Harbour, John Ballard, John Green and Joseph Cade, convicts for transportation for life, £15; from London to Portsmouth, 72 miles, at 1s. per mile, £10 16s.; the order, 1s.

218 Midsummer Sessions. **Gaoler's account**:—Publicly whipping William Osborn, of Bedford, 10s. 6d. Chaise hire to Woburn to publicly whip Thomas Faunch; horses, men and other expenses, £3 10s. 6d.

233 21st November. **Estimate** of a road in Stopsly hamlet in the parish of Luton from Lilley parish.

248 **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from and out of the parish of Offley, in the County of Hertford, to the town of Luton, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Stopsley, containing in length 2000 yards or thereabouts, and in breadth 20 feet or thereabouts, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the hamlet of Stopsley ought to repair the same.

249 **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from Biggleswade to the village of Southill, a certain part whereof lying in the hamlet of Holme in the said parish, commonly called Langford Lane, commencing at the township of Biggleswade and proceeding to Holm Mill Bridge, where it enters the parish of Southill, containing in length 1600 yards, and in breadth 26 feet or thereabouts, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the hamlet of Holm ought to repair the same.

250 **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the village of Holwell to the village of Shitlington, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Holwell, commencing at the parish church of Holwell, and so continuing towards the village of Shitlington for the length of 2794 yards, and of the breadth of 28 feet or thereabouts, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Holwell ought to repair the same.

251 **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the village of Westoning to the village of Harlington, a certain part whereof, lying in the parish of Harlington, commencing at the handpost near the bridge on another highway leading from and out of the first mentioned highway to Toddington, and continuing from the said handpost towards the village of Harlington, for the length of 5 furlongs, 18 poles, and of the breadth of 30 feet or thereabouts, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Harlington ought to repair the same.

252 **Indictment** of Mary Hasledine, wife of John Hasledine, of the parish of St. Paul, Bedford, for uttering counterfeit silver tokens for the sum of 3s., issued by the Bank of England with the approbation of the privy Council, having on the obverse side an impression of the King's Head and the inscription "Georgius III. Dei gratia, Rex" and on the reverse, "Bank Token 3 shill., 1811."

Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from and out of the highway leading from Baldock to Henlow to the village of Astwick, a certain part of which first mentioned highway lying in the parish of "Arlsey," containing in length 950 yards or thereabouts, and in breadth 20 feet or thereabouts, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of "Arlsey" ought to repair the same. 262

Indictment of Elizabeth Medlock, of Wrestlingworth, singlewoman, for breaking open the prison door in the parish of Potton, and rescuing therefrom John Weston and Lewis Seymour committed for riotous behaviour. 263

Order that Mr. Wing be directed to survey, with greater accuracy, the present state of the Bromham carriage and horse bridge. 274

1813.

24th April. **Notice** by Thomas Davis and James Gutteridge, surveyors, that application will be made to the Justices at the next general quarter sessions, 28th April, for an equal assessment to be made, not exceeding 9d. in the pound, upon the occupiers of lands, &c., in the hamlet of Stopsley, in the parish of Luton, for the highways within the said hamlet. 12

28th April. **Order** of Quarter Sessions granting the above assessment. 15

28th April. The like, that the following sums shall be paid for the hire of carriages employed in the conveyance of troops in addition to the customary rates (see 1812 No. 37). 16

10th July. **Measurements** of a public bridle road in the parish of Clophill, being part of the bridle road leading from Chicksands Wood Corner towards Clophill :— 20

Commencing at the conjunction of the parishes of Haynes and Clophill, and proceeding in nearly a south-eastwardly direction until it enters the public carriage road leading from Haynes Church End to Clophill.

12th July. **Particulars** of a survey of that part of the road leading from Warden to Biggleswade, called Hill Lane, belonging to the parish of Warden, lying between Doolittle Mill Bridge, in the parish of Warden, and the turnpike road leading from Girtford Bridge to Clifton. Total length, 5 furlongs, 113 yards; mean breadth, 8 yards, 1 foot. 21

12th July. The like of that part of the road leading from Warden to Biggleswade, called Hill Lane, belonging to the parish of Northill, lying between the road leading from Girtford Bridge to Clifton, and the Great North road leading from Biggleswade to Tempsford. 22

23 12th July. The like of a road situate in the parish of Wrestlingworth, lying between the boundary of the parish of Sutton and the White Bridge joining the parish of Eyworth. Total length, 2 furlongs, 88 yards; mean width, 42 feet.

Also a road leading from Dunton to Wrestlingworth, lying between the boundary of the parish of Eyworth and the hand-post where the four roads meet in the parish of Wrestlingworth. Total length, 3 furlongs, 113 yards; mean width, 40 feet.

Also a continuation of the said road from this hand-post through the village of Wrestlingworth to the new farmhouse, in the occupation of Mr. Wills, situate at Wrestlingworth. Total length, 4 furlongs, 66 yards; mean breadth, 25 feet.

24 13th July. The like of a road leading from Wrestlingworth to Potton lying between the boundary of the parish of Wrestlingworth and Cockayne Hatley, and the brick clamps in the open field on Short Herden furlong in Potton old field in the way to Potton Town. Total length, 6 furlongs, 77 yards; mean breadth, 23 feet.

27 14th July. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that the inhabitants of the hamlet of Egginton pay a fine of £200 for not repairing a certain part of an ancient highway leading from the village of Hockliffe to the town of Leighton Buzzard, situate in the hamlet of Eggington, beginning at or near a joint way near a road there leading out of the said road to the village of Eggington, and continuing to a certain place called Eggington Corner in the said hamlet, and containing in length 100 yards and in breadth 33 feet.

27A **Plan** of the road mentioned above.

38 14th September. **Order** by John Osborne and James Webster, Justices of the Peace, reciting that having upon a view found that a certain footway in the parish of Campton, lying between the road leading from Campton to Chicksands down to William Lamb's farm, and for the length of 576 yards or thereabouts, and particularly described in the plan annexed, may be turned and diverted without any inconvenience to the public into another highway in the said parish of Campton, they therefore order that the said footway be diverted accordingly, and that an assessment not exceeding 1d. in the pound be levied on all all occupiers of lands, &c., in the said parish to be applied for the recompense of those through whose grounds the footway passes, and for the cost of stopping up the old way.

38A **Plan** mentioned above.

48 6th October. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that the inhabitants of the parish of Dunton pay a fine of £270 for not repairing a certain part of an ancient highway leading from the village of Dunton to the village of

Sutton, lying in the parish of Dunton, commencing at the hand-post near the village of Dunton, and proceeding in a northwardly direction between enclosures to the parish of Sutton, which it enters at a bridge between the said parish of Dunton and the said parish of Sutton, containing in length 1 mile, 26 poles, and of the breadth of 40 feet or thereabouts.

6th October. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that the inhabitants of the parish of Flitton pay a fine of £250 for not repairing a certain part of an ancient highway leading from the village of Flitton to the village of Clophill, situate in the parish of Flitton, commencing at the hand-post in or near the village of Flitton, and so continuing to a place called Warehedges towards the village of Clophill for the length of 2 furlongs, 32 poles, and of the breadth of 23 feet or thereabouts. 49

6th October. **Order** of Quarter Sessions. Reciting that Edward Platt, Thomas Lilburn and Miller Golding, gents. (appointed, in pursuance of an Act of 37 George III., for dividing, allotting and enclosing the common and open fields, &c., in the parish of Harrold, for ascertaining the average price of a Winchester bushel of Wheat in the County of Bedford for 14 years last) reported that the said average price is 10s. 9¾d. And it appearing to the court that the said average price is more than the average price set forth in the Award made by the Commissioners in the said Act named to the value of 3d. and upwards, it is ordered that the several yearly corn-rents or sums set forth in the said award, and thereby respectively charged upon lands belonging to Amabella Baroness Lucas and Thomas Higgins and Jacob Warner, esq., trustees for Farrer Grove Spurgeon, a minor, and made payable to the Vicar of Harrold and his successors in the manner therein mentioned, shall be increased in proportion. And it is further ordered that the exact amount of the several sums to which the said several yearly rents or sums shall be respectively increased, shall be as follows:—The yearly rent of £35 1s. by the said award charged upon lands of the said Baroness Lucas shall be increased to £61 16s. 10½d.; And the yearly rent of £35 7s. 7d. by the said award charged upon lands of the said Thomas Higgins and Jacob Warner, as trustees aforesaid, shall be increased to £62 8s. 10d. 50

Note.—It appears by the award of the commissioners that the tithes ceased to be paid on 16th October, 1798, and that the first payment of the corn-rent was to be made on 25th December, 1798; the first 14 years of the payment of such corn-rent therefore expired on 25th December, 1812.

6th October. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that the inhabitants of the parish of Great Barford pay a fine of £300 for not repairing a certain part of an ancient highway leading from and out of the parish of Renold to the parish of Roxton, in the parish of Great Barford, called Cuckoo Brook, and proceeding in nearly an eastwardly direction over open fields to the village of Great Barford, crossing the town street there, 51

and thence continuing nearly in the same direction over other open fields in the said parish to Roxton Hill where the said road enters the turnpike road leading from Cardington Cross to the Great North Road, of the length of 1 mile, 7 furlongs and 187 yards or thereabouts.

159 13th January. **Certificate** that the highway leading from the village of Warden to the village of Cardington, situate in the parish of Warden, commencing at the Manor Farm House in the said parish and ending at a certain place called Four Gates, where it joins the parish of Cardington, containing in length 57 poles, and in breadth 15 feet or thereabouts, has been repaired.

No. 227 is the presentment of the said road.

161 14th July. **Certificate** that the highway in the hamlet of Holme in the parish of Biggleswade, commonly called Langford Lane, from the township of Biggleswade to Holm Mill Bridge where it enters the parish of Southill, containing in length 1600 yards, and in breadth 26 feet or thereabouts, has been repaired.

162 14th July. **Certificate** that the highway leading from the parish of Lilley in the County of Hertford to the town of Luton, situate in the hamlet of Stopsley in the said parish, containing in length 706 yards or thereabouts, and in breadth 15 feet or thereabouts, has been repaired.

No. 228 is the presentment of the said road.

163 14th July. **Certificate** that the highway leading from the parish of Lilley, in the County of Hertford, to the town of Luton lying in the parish of Streatley, containing in length 596 yards or thereabouts, and in breadth 15 feet or thereabouts has been repaired.

No. 229 is the presentment of the said road.

164 14th July. **Certificate** that the highway leading from the parish of Lilley in the County of Bedford *sic* to the town of Luton lying in the parish of Barton, containing in length 462 yards or thereabouts, and in breadth 15 feet or thereabouts has been repaired.

No. 230 is the presentment of the said road.

165 14th July. **Certificate** that the highway in the parish of Clophill leading from the market town of Shefford to the market town of Ampthill, situate in the parish of Clophill, containing in length 3 furlongs, 6 poles, and in breadth 23 feet, has been repaired.

No. 231 is the presentment of the said road.

166 14th July. **Certificate** that the highway called Limmersey (?) Lane in the parish of Hawnes, containing in length 2 furlongs, 25 poles, and of the average breadth of 29 feet or thereabouts, has been repaired.

No. 232 is the presentment of the said road.

5th October. **Certificate** that the highway in the parish of Houghton Regis leading from the village of Whipsnade to the hamlet of Market Street, commonly called Buckwood Stubbs, is formed and completed. 169

2nd October. **Certificate** that the highway leading from the village of Westoning to the village of Harlington, situate in the parish of Harlington, commencing at the hand-post near the bridge on another highway leading from and out of the said first-mentioned highway to Toddington, and continuing from the said hand-post towards the village of Harlington for the length of 5 furlongs, 18 poles, and of the breadth of 30 feet or thereabouts, has been repaired. 173

Epiphany Sessions. **Gaoler's quarterly account**:—Privately whipping John Crossley, William Crossley and William Clerk, 15s. Publicly whipping Thomas Faunch a second time, 10s. 6d., &c., &c. 178

Easter Sessions. **Gaoler's account**:—Providing David Latham two meals a day for 4 weeks and 3 days; providing a nurse, also ponadoes, teas, broths, and other nourishments, £2 17s. Privately whipping William Finch, 5s. 190

Midsummer Sessions. **Gaoler's account**:—To publicly whipping at Woburn, John Allen and Thomas Elgerton, £1 1s.; post chaise hire and other expenses attending the same, £3 10s., &c., &c. 214

Account of William Berrill and Son for repairs to Barford Bridge. 216

Account of Robert Salmon. Surveying the state of Barford Bridge and making out particulars for repairs, &c., £8. Attending and taking plan of Bromham Bridge, &c., £4 4s. Making plans and particulars and estimates for improving the old Horse Bridge or for rebuilding the same, £10 10s. 218

25th October. **Estimate** of the expense of putting into repair a public carriage road in the parish of Great Barford. From Roxton Hill to Barford Towns End with one arch below the hill, 1 mile, 4 poles, £175. From Barford Towns End to Rennold Bridge, 1 mile, 16 poles, £118 10s. 225

Presentment that a certain bridge of the breadth of 15 feet and of the length of 12 feet placed across a brook or mill stream in the parishes of Shidlington and Lower Gravenhurst, which bridge is an ancient highway leading from the village of Meppershall to the parish of Upper Gravenhurst, is in decay. 233

Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the village of Meppershall to the village of Higham Gobion, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Shidlington, containing in length 1040 yards and in breadth about 23 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the said parish ought to repair the same. 234

235 **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Luton to Cockernhoe, in the parish of Offley, and thence to the town of Hitchin, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Luton at or in certain places or roads called Blackwater Lane and Crawley Green Road, beginning at the distance of 20 yards or thereabouts from the common pound, standing in or near the town street of Luton, and extending along the same road towards Cockernhoe, and containing in length 700 yards, and in breadth 20 feet or thereabouts; also a certain part of the said highway leading to Cockernhoe, being the north side of the same common highway, lying in the parish of Luton, opposite the south end of a lane called Hart Lane leading to Cockernhoe, and extending along the same road from the said south end of the lane called Hart Lane towards Luton, and containing in length 410 yards, and in breadth 10 feet, are in decay, and that the inhabitants of the town of Luton ought to repair the same.

236 **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the parish of Whipsnade to the parish of Studham, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Houghton Regis, beginning at or near a certain Wood in the parish of Whipsnade called Deadmonsey Wood, and ending at or near the east corner of a certain lane in the parish of Studham called Bucket Lane, and containing in length 263 poles, and in breadth 30 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Houghton Regis ought to repair the same.

237 **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the village of Hockliffe to the town of Leighton Buzzard, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Egginton, beginning at or near a joint-way near a road there leading out of the said road to the village of Egginton, continuing to a certain place called Egginton Corner in the hamlet of Egginton, and containing in length 1000 yards, and in breadth 33 feet or thereabouts, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the hamlet of Egginton ought to repair the same.

238 **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from and out of the parish of Renhold to the parish of Roxton, a certain part whereof, lying in the parish of Great Barford, commencing at the west side of the said parish of Great Barford, called Cuckoo brook, and proceeding in nearly an eastwardly direction over the open fields to the village of Great Barford, crossing the town street there, and thence continuing nearly in the same direction over other open fields in the said parish of Great Barford to Roxton Hill, where the said road enters the turnpike road leading from Cardington Cross to the great North Road, of the length of 1 mile 7 furlongs 87 yards, and of the breadth of 30 feet or thereabouts, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Great Barford ought to repair the same.

266 15th July. **Bedford Gaol.** Letter from John Letts to John Miller, chairman of quarter sessions. "Sir, I take the liberty of writing these few lines to you, which, Sir, I hope you will pardon me for so doing, as it is distress of mind that induced me to take the liberty of

writing to you. I am, Sir, and Gentlemen, the unfortunate young man, John Letts, who was yesterday sentenced to 7 years transportation. Sir, I humbly beg and entreat of you to have mercy upon me and mitigate my sentence as that is, Sir, my earnest prayer, as I had no person to speak in behalf of my character yesterday, which, Sir, I was greatly disappointed for. My father and brother came to see me last week in prison and they told me that I might depend upon having some respectable people yesterday to answer to my good character before this misfortune happened to me, but, alas! I was disappointed. Sir, instead of my father and brother being friends to me when they came to me in prison they have proved enemies and snares to me for they enticed me out of my watch and money likewise, and told me that I might trust and depend upon them and the friends that they would send for out of the country to be at Bedford yesterday and no person came so that I am lost. So that, Sir, through the very act of my friends [I am lost] I trust that you will have mercy upon me and mitigate my sentence."

CALENDAR.

1814.

15th January. **Alphabetical List** of persons detained in gaol up to the 6th of November, 1813, with the date of their imprisonment, the names of the persons at whose suit they are imprisoned, and the reasons for such imprisonment. 71

12th January. **Order** at Quarter Sessions fixing the sums to be paid for the hire of carriages employed in the conveyance of troops in addition to the customary rates of 1/-, 9d., and 6d. per mile respectively, fixed by the Act of 54 Geo. III. c. 25. The sums are similar to those set out in the order of 1813 (see No. 16). 73

19th October. **Order** at Quarter Sessions for Twydale Dear, of Shitlington, to view (and give an estimate for the repairing of) part of a common highway leading from the village of Hockliffe to the town of Leighton Buzzard, situate in the parish of Hockliffe, commencing at a place called Hockliffe Lane End and proceeding towards the town of Leighton Buzzard, of the length of 5 furlongs and 6 poles and of the breadth of 24 feet (See also Nos. 89 and 384). 86

19th October. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that the inhabitants of the hamlet of Hill do pay a fine of £130 for not repairing a certain part of a common highway, leading from Warden to Biggleswade, situate in the hamlet of Hill in the parish of Warden, lying between Do-little Mill Bridge in the parish of Warden and the turnpike road leading from Girtford Bridge to Clifton, of the length of 5 furlongs and 113 yards and of the breadth of 8 yards and 1 foot or thereabouts; and that the said £130 be paid to Samuel Eakin of Elstow for the said purpose. 87

19th October. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that the inhabitants of Clophill do pay a fine of £60 for not repairing a certain part of a common highway leading from Chicksands to Clophill in the parish of Clophill, 88

beginning at a conjunction of the parishes of Hawnes and Clophill, and proceeding nearly in a southwestwardly direction until it enters the public carriage road leading from Hawnes Church to the parish of Clophill, of the length of 6 furlongs and 15 poles and of the breadth of 12 feet.

90 & 91 19th October. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that a report be made upon the state of a certain part of a common highway leading from the village of Hockliffe to the town of Leighton Buzzard, situate in the hamlet of Egginton in the parish of Leighton Buzzard, beginning at or near a joint way near a road leading out of the said road to the village of Egginton, and continuing to a place called Egginton Corner in the hamlet of Egginton, and containing in length 1000 yards, and in breadth 33 feet. And that the inhabitants of Egginton be ordered to pay a fine of £390 for not repairing the same. (See also No. 385.)

107 30th May. **Conviction** of Thomas East for having sold ale in the parish of Caddington without a licence, he is ordered to pay £10 and £1 3s. 6d. costs.

108 5th December. **Presentment** by Thomas Laidlaw, surveyor of the township of Luton, and James Gutteridge, surveyor of the hamlet of Stopsley, that there is a certain common highway leading from Luton to Cockernhoe, and that there is a certain part of the said highway (that is to say) so much thereof as lies between a certain place marked A on the plan hereunto annexed, being the west corner of a certain close belonging to John Crawley, Esquire, in the occupation of Thomas Smith, and a certain other place marked C on the said plan, situate on a certain green called Crawley Green, and adjoining the south-east end of a certain lane called Hart Lane, such part of the said highway being in length, from the place marked A on the said plan to the said place marked C, 60 poles, one side of which last mentioned part of the said highway adjoining to the township of Luton, lies within the said township of Luton and ought to be repaired by the said township of Luton. And the other side of the same part of the said highway adjoining to the hamlet of Stopsley lies within the said hamlet of Stopsley, and ought to be repaired by that hamelet. And that there is in the said county a certain other common highway known by the name of Hart Lane, branching out of the said last mentioned highway at the place marked D on the said plan, on the said Green called Crawley Green into a certain highway leading from Luton to Stopsley, near a certain Green called Round Green, at the place marked F on the said plan, such highway called Hart Lane being in length 145 poles, one side of which last mentioned highway adjoining to the township of Luton lies within the said township of Luton and ought to be repaired by that township. And the other side of the same highway adjoining to the hamlet of Stopsley, lies within the said hamlet of Stopsley and ought to be repaired by that hamlet. It is further presented that the repairs of such highways are very inconvenient to the township and hamlet aforesaid, and it is prayed therefore that such part of the said highways may be allotted for the repairs thereof by the Justices to and between the township of Luton and hamlet of Stopsley, in the manner directed by the Act passed in

34 Geo. III. The justices therefore order that the said first mentioned highway shall be divided as follows (that is to say) at the place marked B on the plan hereunto annexed, at the distance of 30 poles from each of the said places marked A and C on the said plan, there shall be erected a post or stone on the side of the highway, and the whole of the said highway from the place marked A to such post or stone shall be repaired by the township of Luton: and the whole of the said highway from such post or stone to the place marked C shall be from time to time repaired by the hamlet of Stopsley: and also that the said highway called Hart Lane shall be divided in the following manner (that is to say) at the place marked E on the plan at the distance of 72½ poles from the places marked D and F, there shall be erected a post or stone, and the whole of the highway from the place marked D on the said plan shall be repaired by the hamlet of Stopsley, and the whole of the highway from such post or stone to the place marked F on the said plan shall be repaired by the township of Luton.

Plan relating to the foregoing order. 109

13th October. **Certificate** by two Justices of the Peace, that they have viewed the following roads and highways and find them to be in good repair, vizt.:—One public carriage road and highway being part of the present turnpike road leading from the town of Bedford to the town of Higham Ferrers 60 feet wide in all places. One other public carriage road and highway being part of the present turnpike road leading from the parish of Bletsoe to the parish of Harrold 60 feet wide. One other public carriage road and highway, 30 feet wide, called the Risley Road, branching out of the Harrold Turnpike Road on Kennell Hill, over the said hill to Dry Closes, over the said closes to Molecrofts, along the north west of the said Molecrofts and Deadland Field into the Bedford Road, along the same road to the south east side of Scottins Close, thence by the side of the said close in a straight line to the corner of Pippin Wood, and by the side of the said wood to a lane in the parish of Bletsoe called Bond End Lane. One public carriage road and highway, 30 feet wide, called the Higham Ferrers Road, leading from the east end of Watery Lane at the corner of the orchard, late of John Eyler, now of John Gibbard, Esqr., on the south end of Barley Croft Close, along the north side of Temple Slade into the turnpike road at the east end of said Slade. One other public road, 30 feet wide, called the Puddington Road, leading from the north end of the town street of Sharnbrook, over Great Cooper's Piece, thence in a curved line over Wood End Field to Ten Acre Piece Hedge at Wood End Hill Hadow, thence by the side of the said hedge to the south corner of King's Ground in Sharnbrook, thence by the boundary of Sharnbrook to a lane called Yetling Way Lane in the parish of Odell. One other public carriage road and highway leading from the north end of the town street in Sharnbrook to Souldrop, of 30 feet in all places. One other public carriage road and highway, 30 feet wide, called the Colworth Road, branching out of the Harrold Turnpike Road on Church Piece, in a westward and straight direction over Church Piece, Parsons Corner, Castle Close, and Common Moley into the Puddington Road. 224

225 8th July. **Certificate** by two Justices of the Peace, that they have examined the public highways of Barton-in-the-Clay, and that they have been repaired.

226 8th July. **Certificate** that the highway in the parish of Upper Gravenhurst, commencing at the east side of the parish of Upper Gravenhurst, where the same adjoins the parish of Campton at a close in the parish of Campton, called Longclose, in the occupation of William Lamb, and continuing in a westwardly direction through the parish of Upper Gravenhurst to the West end thereof, by the west corner of an old inclosure, called the Cherry Orchard, at which point the same road adjoins a common field in Upper Gravenhurst, called Church Field, 6 furlongs long and 36 poles wide, as to 1 furlong and 28 poles, the residue of the said 36 poles 30 feet has been repaired.

227 8th July. **Certificate** that the highways in the parishes of Flitton-cum-Silsoe and Pulloxhill have been repaired.

228 8th July. **Certificate** that the roads in the parish of Clophill have been repaired.

229 8th July. **Certificate** that part of a highway, leading from Meppershill to Higham Gobion, being in the parish of Shidlington, beginning at Stapleton's Farm and continuing towards Higham Gobion, of the length of 1040 yards, and of the breadth of 20 feet, has been repaired.

230 20th July. **Certificate** that a certain part of a highway in the parish of Milton Bryant, in the Hundred of Manshead, lying between the west corner of Mill Close and the pound, for the length of 100 yards or thereabouts, and of the breadth of 30 feet or thereabouts; and also that a certain part of a footway within the said parish lying between the said corner of the said close and the church, for the length of 150 yards or thereabouts, and of the breadth of 4 feet, has been diverted and turned through the lands of Sir Hugh Inglis, Baronet, with his consent, in order to be made more commodious to the public.

231 19th October. **Certificate** that a certain part of a highway leading from Bedford to Great Barford in the parish of Goldington, commencing at the west end of Goldington Green, and proceeding eastwardly over the green to the east end thereof, and thence for a short distance between old Inclosures and over the fields to a bridge dividing Goldington and Renhold, near a place called Castle Mills; of the length of 1 mile, 1 furlong and 55 yards, and of the breadth of 30 feet, has been repaired.

232 19th October. **Certificate** that part of a highway leading from Bedford to Renhold, in the parish of Goldington, commencing at Gravel Bridge and proceeding eastwardly to the west end of Goldington Green, being 832 yards long, and of various widths, viz.:—near Gravel Bridge

75 feet wide or thereabouts, in the middle 49 feet or thereabouts, and at the east end near Goldington Green 42 feet or thereabouts, has been repaired (see also No. 376).

19th October. **Certificate** that the highway leading from the parish of Renhold to Roxton, in the parish of Great Barford, has been repaired. 233

19th October. **Certificate** that a highway leading from the village of Dunton to the village of Sutton, commencing at the hand post near the village of Dunton, and proceeding northwardly between inclosures to the parish of Sutton, which it enters at a bridge between the parish of Dunton and the parish of Sutton, 1 mile and 26 poles long, and 40 feet wide or thereabouts, has been repaired (see also No. 387). 234

19th October. **Certificate** that a highway leading from the parish of Southill to the parish of Clophill, situate in the parish of Hawnes, branching out of the public carriage road leading from Deadman's Cross Turnpike to Hawnes Church End at Appleywood corner, and proceeding nearly south-westwardly through old inclosures in the parish of Hawnes, till it enters the parish of Clophill, 5 furlongs and 5½ yards long, and 15 feet wide or thereabouts, has been repaired. 235

19th October. **Certificate** that the highway leading from the village of Flitton to the village of Westoning, in the parish of Pulloxhill, commencing at a part of the said road at Greenfield, and continuing till it enters the parish of Westoning, of the length of 1 furlong, and of the breadth of 30 feet or thereabouts, has been repaired (see also No. 373). 236

19th October. **Certificate** that a highway leading from the village of Dunton to the village of Sutton, in the parish of Sutton, commencing at a bridge dividing the parish of Sutton and the parish of Dunton, and proceeding nearly northwardly to a hand post near the village of Sutton, where it enters another common highway leading from Sutton to the town of Potton, containing in length 7 furlongs and 29 poles, and in breadth 20 feet or thereabouts, has been repaired. 237

19th October. **Certificate** of the jailer of Bedford Gaol that the rules made for the comfort of the prisoners are complied with. 244

19th October. **Certificate** that the dwelling house of Mary Gurney, in the parish of Willington, is intended to be used as a church of the United Brethren. 245

25th December. **Certified Return** of the 1st Bedfordshire Local Militia, consisting of 1 lieutenant-colonel commandant, 1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 major, 8 captains, 9 lieutenants, 1 ensign, 1 corporal, 1 surgeon, 1 quarter master, and 700 rank and file. Names of officers given. 246

247 25th December. **Certified Return** of the 2nd Regiment of Bedfordshire Local Militia, consisting of 1 lieutenant-colonel commandant, 1 lieutenant-colonel, 2 majors, 8 captains, 1 lieutenant, 1 adjutant, 1 surgeon, 1 quarter master, and 685 rank and file. Names of the officers given.

248 25th December. **Certified Return** of the Bedford Regiment of Militia, consisting of 1 colonel commandant, 1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 major, 4 captains, 3 lieutenants, 3 surgeon mates, 3 ensigns, 1 captain and adjutant, 1 surgeon, 1 quarter master, and 225 rank and file. Names of the officers given.

275 12th February. **Account** of Benjamin Jefferies for £2 5s. 6d. for clearing Barford Bridge of ice.

312 18th July. **Account** for £220 for repairing a public carriage road in the parish of Maldin, called "Summersey Lane" (see also No. 417).

321 28th October. **Estimate** of the expence of making a horse way leading from the boundary of Haynes Parish to the carriage road leading from Haynes Church End to Clophill, being 62 chains, 50 links.

333 30th November. **Estimate** of £390 0s. 0d. for repairing a road in the hamlet of Egginton, parish of Leighton Buzzard.

334 30th November. **Estimate** of the cost of repairing a road in the parish of Hockliffe leading from the village of Hockliffe to the turnpike gate, being 51 chains and 50 links.

340 8th November. **Account** of Thomas Evans for scaffolding and flat joint pointing Harrowden Bridge.

374 12th January. **Presentment** that there is a highway leading from the town of Shidlington to Higham Gobion, part whereof beginning at a brook which divides the parishes of Shidlington and Higham Gobion, and which highway ends at a brook which divides the parish of Higham Gobion and the parish of Barton-le-Cley, containing in length 2200 yards, and in breadth 30 feet, is in a state of decay, and the inhabitants of Higham Gobion ought to repair the same.

375 12th January. **Presentment** that there is a highway leading from Bedford to Shefford, a certain part whereof called the Rowney Warren Turnpike Road, being in the township of Southill, in the parish of Southill, containing in length 2000 yards, and in breadth 30 feet, is in a state of decay, and the inhabitants of the township of Southill ought to repair the same.

13th July. **Presentment** that there is a highway leading from Upper Gravenhurst to Ion in the parish of Lower Gravenhurst, a certain part whereof called the Ion Road, situated in the parish of Upper Gravenhurst, containing in length 1380 yards, and in breadth 20 feet, is in a state of decay, and the inhabitants of Upper Gravenhurst ought to repair the same. 380

13th July. **Presentment** that a part of the highway leading from Luton to Hitchin, called the Hitchin road, in the hamlet of Stopsley, containing in length 3000 yards, and in breadth 20 feet, is in a very ruinous state, and that the inhabitants of Stopsley ought to repair it. 381

13th July. **Presentment** that part of the highway leading from Luton to Hitchin, called the Hitchin road, in the township of Luton, 1400 yards long, and 20 feet wide, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of Luton ought to repair the same. 382

13th July. **Presentment** that there is a highway leading from Silsoe to Shitlington, part whereof in the parish of Clophill, 40 poles long, and 30 feet broad, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of of Clophill ought to repair the same. 383

19th October. **Presentment** that there is a highway leading from the village of Everton to the town of Potton, part whereof lying in the parish of Tempsford, containing in length 1386 yards, and in breadth 30 feet, is in a state of decay ; and also that upon another highway leading from Everton to Potton, 308 yards long, and 30 feet wide, there has been placed a quantity of gravel, sand and earth, so as to form a high and dangerous ridge along the said highway, rendering it unsafe, and that the inhabitants of Tempsford ought to repair both these said highways. 388

19th October. **Presentment** that there is a certain highway leading from Cockayne Hatley to the village of Sandy, part whereof lying in the parish of Potton, containing in length 1342 yards or thereabouts, and in breadth 30 feet or thereabouts, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of Potton ought to repair the same. 389

19th October. **Presentment** that there is a highway leading from the town of Ampthill to the town of Hawnes, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Clophill, commencing from the west of a certain tree, called Stocks Tree, in the parish of Clophill, and continuing eastwards towards the parish of Hawnes, containing in length 484 yards, and in breadth 16 feet, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of Clophill ought to repair the same. 390

19th October. **Presentment** that there is a highway leading from the town of Harlington to the town of Luton, part whereof situated in the parish of Sunden, commencing at the parish of Harlington, and continuing from thence for the length of 100 yards, and the breadth of 30 feet, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of Sunden ought to repair it. 391

392 19th October. **Presentment** that there is a highway leading from the town of Barton-in-the-Clay to the parish of Luton, part whereof beginning at a tree near the top of Barton Hill, and ending at a place called Dray's Ditches in the parish of Streatley, containing in length about 4000 yards, and in breadth about 25 feet, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Streatley ought to repair the same.

393 19th October. **Presentment** that there is a highway leading from the village of Maulden to the town of Clophill, a certain part whereof commencing from Maulden Wood Corner adjoining the parish of Hawnes, and continuing to the arch across the road next and adjoining the parish of Clophill, and containing in length 693 yards, and in breadth 20 feet, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of Maulden ought to repair the same.

394 19th October. **Presentment** that there is a highway leading from the village of Tingrith to the village of Hartlington, and that a certain part thereof lying in the parish of Westoning, called the Westoning Road, containing in length 1 mile, and in breadth 20 feet, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of Westoning ought to repair the same.

395 19th October. **Presentment** that there is a highway leading from the village of Eyworth to the town of Bigleswade, one part whereof in the parish of Dunton, containing in length 946 yards, and in breadth 30 feet, is in a state of decay ; and also that upon another part of the said highway, 956 yards long, and 30 feet wide, have been placed great quantities of stone, gravel, sand and earth, so as to form a high and dangerous ridge which renders the road unsafe, and that the inhabitants of Dunton ought to repair the same.

396 19th October. **Presentment** that there is a highway leading from the town of Potton to the parish of Blunham, part whereof lying in the parish of Sandy, 770 yards long, and 30 feet broad, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of Sandy ought to repair the same.

397 19th October. **Presentment** that there is a highway leading from Potton to the village of Eyworth, part whereof in the parish of Wrestlingworth, 1166 yards long, and 40 feet wide, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Wrestlingworth ought to repair the same.

398 19th October. **Presentment** that there is a highway leading from Gamlingay, in the county of Cambridge, to the town of St. Neots, in the County of Huntingdon, and that a certain part thereof lying in the parish of Everton, containing in length 2882 yards, and in breadth 30 feet is in a state of decay ; and also that there is another part of the said highway, containing in length 264 yards, and in breadth 30 feet, upon which were placed great quantities of gravel, sand and earth, so as to make a ridge along the said highway, thereby rendering it unsafe, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Everton ought to repair them both.

19th October. **Presentment** that there is a highway leading from the town of Silsoe, in the parish of Flitton, towards the parish of Streatley, and that a certain part thereof, called Barton Hill Road, lying in the parish of Barton-in-the-Clay, containing in length about 3000 yards, and in breadth about 25 feet, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Barton-in-the-Clay ought to repair the same. 399

19th October. **Presentment** that there is a highway leading from the town of Potton to the village of Wrestlingworth, and that a certain part thereof lying in the parish of Cockayne Hatley, containing in length 1144 feet, and in breadth 30 feet, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of Cockayne Hatley ought to repair the same. 400

19th October. **Presentment** that there is a highway leading from the town of Baldock, in the County of Hertford, to the parish of Dunton, a certain part whereof in the hamlet of Stratton, in the parish of Biggleswade, commencing from the turnpike road leading from the town of Baldock until it joins the parish of Dunton, containing in length 1 mile, 2 furlongs, 18 yards, and in breadth 29 feet, 8 inches or thereabouts, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of Stratton ought to repair the same. 401

19th October. **Presentment** that there is a highway leading from the town of Potton to the village of Arrington, in the County of Cambridge, part whereof lying in the parish of Cockayne Hatley, 2618 yards long, and 30 feet wide, is in a state of decay; and that upon another part of the said highway leading from the town of Potton to the village of Arrington, have been placed quantities of gravel, sand and earth, so as to form a high ridge along the highway and make it dangerous, and that the inhabitants of Cockayne Hatley ought to repair both these said highways. 402

19th October. **Presentment** that there is a certain highway leading from the village of Cockayne Hatley to the village of Eyworth, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Wrestlingworth, containing 1562 yards in length, and 30 feet in breadth, is in a state of decay; and that upon another road leading from Cockayne Hatley to Eyworth, 770 yards long, and 30 feet wide has been placed a quantity of gravel, sand and earth forming a high ridge and rendering it dangerous, and that the inhabitants of Wrestlingworth ought to repair them both. 403

5th February. **Letter** from John Wing to the magistrates, "I beg leave to lay before you the inclosed account for extra brick work that I found necessary to add in the building of the Lunatic Asylum. After having set out the building and taken the levels to (Remer Spring) the termination of the drain, I found it requisite to raise the basement floor full 15 inches to get a sufficient fall for the drain, and having estimated the building to the heights of the storys specified in the particular, without the rustices, I was under the necessity of raising 410

the ground and one pair storys 9 inches each, or of lowering them 3 inches, in order to set the strings or facias on the level with the floors. The two pair floor I have raised 18 inches, and my reasons for so doing was to give to the elevation a more pleasing appearance and to keep up the windows in the cells a greater height from the floor. The sum charged for the estimate is the same I paid to Mr. Cloake; for the plans I make no charge."

412 29th September. Woburn. **Letter** from Robert Salmon to John Miller, informing him that his contract for Bromham Bridge is completed; and advising that the road over the bridge should be well looked after this winter, and offering to repair the same up to Lady Day for £20.

413 16th October. Southill. **Letter** from Mr. Whitbread to Mr. Pearce, asking that a presentment may be prepared of the road in the hamlet of Stratton, leading one way to Dunton and the other way to Biggleswade.

417 6th July. **Measurement** of part of a carriage road called Limmersley Lane, in the parish of Malden, branching out of a public highway leading from Clophill to Ampthill, and proceeding north-eastwardly for 6 furlongs and 4 poles. The remaining part of the said lane, from the piece last described, having been already repaired (see also No. 312).

418 8th July. **Particulars** of the measurement of the turnpike road leading from Hockliffe Lane End, adjoining the London Road, to the cross in the town of Leighton Buzzard; with particulars of the materials used in the parishes of Hockliffe, Egginton and Leighton.

419 10th July. **Notice** that application will be made to the Justices of the Peace for an equal assessment upon all the occupiers of lands, &c., in the parish of Sharnbrook for the use of the highways in the said parish (see also No. 426).

427 9th October. **Notice** that the Surveyors of the highways for the town of Cardington intend to apply for a rate of 9d. in the pound for the necessary repair of the highways in the said township.

428 10th October. **Description** of 2 roads in Cockinhatley parish:—one leading from Wrestlingworth to where it divides, and another road leading from Potton boundary to Mr. Hart's house, and the same road leading towards Tutlen and Harrenton.

429 15th October. **Particulars** of the survey of a road in the hamlet of Stratton, in the parish of Biggleswade, from the turnpike road leading to Baldock until it joins the parish of Dunton.

25th October. **Description** of Warden Road, in the Parish of Warden, leading from Little Mill Bridge, to the end of that road. 430

Measurement of a lane called Clophill Great Lane, from Mr. Butcher's pales' corner to just beyond the sand pits, of the length of 484 yards. 435

CALENDAR.

1815.

30th December. **Notice** by Joseph Barker that he intends, at the next General Quarter Sessions, to appeal against the last levy-rate made for the relief of the poor of the parish of Great Barford. 37

11th January. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that the inhabitants of the Parish of Flitton do pay a fine of £612 for not repairing a part of a common highway leading from the village of Flitton to the village of Westoning in the parish of Flitton, commencing at the parish Church of Flitton, and continuing until it enters the parish of Westoning, for the length of 2 miles, 1 furlong, and of the breadth of 30 feet or thereabouts (see also No. 73). 57

Order that a report be made of the above (see also No. 73). 58

11th January. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that a report be made upon the state of a common highway leading from the the town of Potton to the village of Wrestlingworth, in the parish Cockayne Hatley, containing in length 1144 yards and in breadth 30 feet. 59

11th January. **Order** that the inhabitants of Cockayne Hatley pay a fine of £1057 for not reparing the same (see also No. 69). 60

11th January. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that a report be made upon the state of a common highway leading from the village of Tingrith to the village of Hartlington, being in the parish of Westoning, commonly called the Westoning Road containing in length 1 mile and in breadth 20 feet (see also No 72). 61

11th January. **Order** that the inhabitants of the parish of Westoning do pay a fine of £390 for not repairing the said highway (see also Nos. 233 and 680). 62

11th January. **Order** at Quarter Sessions fixing the sums to be paid for the hire of carriages employed in the conveyance of troops in addition to the customary rates of 1/-, 9d. and 6d. per mile respectively fixed by the act 54 Geo. III. c. 25 The sums are similar to those set out in the order of 1813 (see also No. 77). 63

65 11th January. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that a report be made upon the state of part of a common highway leading from the village of Hockliffe to the town of Leighton Buzzard, lying in the parish of Egginton leading from a turnpike gate in the Parish of Hockliffe to a certain old road leading to the hamlet of Egginton containing in length 495 yards, and in breadth 30 feet, and also a certain other part of the same highway, lying in the hamlet of Egginton, leading from Egginton Corner to the town of Leighton Buzzard 1573 yards long, and 30 feet broad (see also No. 68).

66 11th January. **Order** that the inhabitants of the hamlet of Egginton do pay a fine of £747 for not repairing the said highway (see also Nos. 222 and 377).

67 11th January. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that a report be made on part of a common highway, leading from the town of Potton to the village of Arrington, in the county of Cambridge, lying in the parish of Cockayne Hatley, containing in length 2613 yards, and in breadth 30 feet.

70 11th January. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that a report be made on the state of part of a common highway leading from the village of Maulden to the town of Clophill, situate in the parish of Maulden, commencing from Maulden Wood Corner, adjoining the parish of Hawnes, and continuing to the arch across the road, next to the parish of Clophill, and containing in length 693 yards and in breadth 20 feet.

71 11th January. **Order** that the inhabitants of the parish of Maulden do pay a fine of £453 for not repairing the said highway (see also No. 221).

74 11th January. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that the inhabitants of the parish of Higham Gobion do pay a fine of £233 for not repairing a certain part of a highway leading from the village of Pulloxhill to the village of Silsoe, in the parish of Higham Gobion, commencing from the Bedford Turnpike Road at the point where the said turnpike road joins a lane called Marquis Lane, and leading through the said lane to a bridge in the parish of Pulloxhill of the length of 31 chains (see also Nos. 225 and 378).

75 11th January. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that a report be made on the state of part of a highway "leading out of the parish of Kempston" to a place in the parish of Kempston called Kempston Hardwicke, situate in the said parish of Kempston, branching out of the road leading from the several parishes of Kempston, Wootton, and Marston, and proceeding nearly south-eastwardly to a certain place called Kempston Hardwicke, where it enters the turnpike road leading from the town of Bedford to the town of Ampthill, of the length of 1 mile, 1 furlong, and 11 yards, and of the width of 30 feet.

5th April. **Order** at Quarter Sessions. Reciting, that on the application of the Reverend William Mansfield, Rector of Milton Bryant, the Justices, by virtue of an act passed in 33d. Geo. III. intituled "An act for dividing and inclosing the open and common fields and meadows, common pastures and other commonable lands and grounds within the parish of Milton Bryant in the county of Bedford; have appointed James Lilburne of Southill, and Thomas Lilburne of Cardington, together with another person to be chosen, as arbitrators for enquiring into and ascertaining from the London Gazette what had been the average price of a Winchester bushel of marketable wheat for the past 21 years. 78

14th October. **Notice** that Charles Austin, of the parish of Ampthill, is to be appointed High Constable for the hundred of Redbornstoke, in the room of Ambrose Platt, of Millbrook. 88

26th July. **Information** that there is a highway leading from Shefford to Hitchin in the county of Hertford, a certain part whereof lying between a place called Shefford Bridge, and another place called Henlow-Dane-Bridge, 128 chains long, one side of which lies in the parish of Meppershall, and ought to be repaired by that parish, and the other side lies in the parish of Clifton, and ought to be repaired by that parish, and praying that such part of such highway may be allotted for the repairs thereof by the Justices to the several parishes of Meppershall and Clifton, as directed by the Act 34 Geo. III. The said Justices therefore order that the highway shall be divided in the following manner, vizt., at the distance of 32 chains, measuring from Shefford Bridge, there shall be erected certain posts or stones on each side of the highway marked A and B, and also that at the distance of 96 chains, measuring from Shefford Bridge, shall be erected certain posts or stones marked C and D on each side of the highway; and the whole of the said highway from Shefford Bridge to the posts marked A and B, and from the posts or stones marked C and D to Henlow-Dane-Bridge, containing in the whole 64 chains, shall be repaired by the parish of Clifton, and the whole of the highway from the posts or stones marked A and B to the posts or stones marked C and D, containing 64 chains, shall be repaired by the parish of Meppershall. 90

Plan relating to the above highway. 89

26th July. **Information** that there is a highway leading from Shefford to Hitchin in the county of Hertford, a certain part whereof lying between Henlow-Dane-Bridge and a place called Deep Ditch, at the corner of Chapel Pastures, being in length 46 chains, one side of which, lying in the parish of Meppershall, ought to be repaired by that parish, and the other side, lying within the parish of Henlow, ought to be repaired by that parish; and praying that such part of the said highway may be apportioned for the repair thereof by the Justices to the several parishes of Meppershall and Henlow. The Justices 92

therefore order that the said highway shall be divided in the following manner ;—that is to say, that at the distance of 23 chains, measuring from Henlow-Dane-Bridge, there shall be erected certain posts or stones on each side of the said highway marked A and B, and the whole of the said highway from the place called Henlow-Dane-Bridge to such posts or stones shall be repaired by the parish of Meppershall ; and the whole of the highway from such posts or stones to the place called Deep Ditch at the corner of Chapel Pastures, shall be repaired by the parish of Henlow.

91 **Plan** relating to the above highway.

209 11th January. **Certificate** that a certain part of a highway in the parish of Clophill, commencing from the west of a tree called Stocks Tree in the parish of Clophill, and continuing eastward towards the parish of Hawnes, containing in length 484 yards, and in breadth 16 feet, has been repaired.

210 1st July. **Certificate** that a certain new footway in the hamlet of Stopsley, in the parish of Luton, part of the footway leading from the village of Lilley, in the county of Hertford, to the town of Luton, commencing at the north corner of a close of John Sowerby, Esquire, in the hamlet of Stopsley, called the Thrift, which new footway contains in length 45 perches, and was set out through the lands of the said John Sowerby pursuant to an order of the Justices of the Peace for diverting and turning that part of the ancient footway from the village of Lilley to the town of Luton, is in a state of good repair.

211 12th July. **Certificate** that a common highway, leading from the town of Harlington to the town of Luton, situate in the parish of Sundon, commencing at the parish of Harlington and continuing for the length of 100 yards, and of the breadth of 30 feet, has been repaired.

212 12th July. **Certificate** that a certain highway, leading from the village of Flitton to the village of Clophill, situate in the parish of Flitton, commencing at the hand-post in or near the village of Flitton and continuing to a place called Warehedges towards the village of Clophill, for the length of 2 furlongs and 32 poles and of the breadth of 23 feet, has been repaired.

213 12th July. **Certificate** that a certain bridge lying in the several parishes of Biddenham, Kempston, and Bromham, leading from the market town of Newport Pagnell, in the county of Buckingham, to the market town of Bedford, has been repaired.

214 12th July, **Certificate** that a certain highway leading from the village of Flitton to the village of Westoning, in the parish of Flitton, commencing at the parish church of Flitton, and continuing until it enters the parish of Westoning for the length of 2 miles 1 furlong, and of the breadth of 30 feet, has been repaired.

12th July. **Certificate** that a certain highway leading from the town of Barton to the parish of Luton, beginning at a "lone tree" near the top of Barton hill and ending at a place called Drag's Ditches, lying in the parish of Streatly, containing in length about 4000 yards, and in breadth about 25 feet, has been repaired. 215

7th October. **Certificate** that the undermentioned roads and highways in the parish of Roxton have been repaired, viz. :— 216

One public carriage road branching out of the Great North Road opposite the Gravel Pitts and proceeding in a westwardly direction through and over Nag's Head Field to the street in the hamlet of Chawson, at the south-east corner of an old inclosure, in the occupation of James Barker, and continuing through the said hamlet and along the south-west corner of an old inclosure belonging to Charles James Metcalfe, Esquire, called Farm Close, along the north side of South Brook Common to an old inclosure called Coble's Orchard, and across the said Coble's Orchard and Chappel Mead to Colesden Green, and along the south side of the said Colesden Green to the north side of Jiggle Field and to the parish of Colmworth.

One other public carriage road and highway branching out of the Bedford Turnpike Road at Broad Moor opposite the north-west corner of an old inclosure belonging to Robert Aipes, and proceeding in a northward direction over the said Broad Moor and in part by the east side of Oak Hedge between Green Ditch Field and Colesden Bush Field to the south-east corner of Long Spinney, and by the east side of the said Spinney, and an ancient inclosure called Spring Close to and across Chawson Brook, and through and over Pound Close to the street of Chawson at or near the common Pound, and along the west side of Broad Close to and over Nag's Head Field aforesaid to the boundary fence of the hamlet of Wyboston, and by the south side of the said boundary to the end of a public road in the said hamlet called the Sheackers Way Road.

And one other public carriage road and highway from the Great North Road, at or near Tempsford Bridge, in a westward direction over Bridge Field to and across old inclosures called Hilliards, and to and along Church Lane and the village street of Roxton, and from thence through the garden and Home Close belonging to the said Charles James Metcalf, now or late in the occupation of John Saville, and across Fair Close to the Bedford Turnpike Road.

14th October. **Certificate** that a certain part of a common highway, leading from the village of Hockliffe to the town of Leighton Buzzard, lying in the hamlet of Eggington in the parish of Leighton Buzzard, beginning at or near a joint way near a road there leading out of the said road to the said village of Eggington, and continuing to a certain place called Eggington Corner in the hamlet of Eggington, containing in length 1000 yards, and in breadth 30 feet, or thereabouts, has been repaired. 217

218 14th October. **Certificate** that a certain part of a common highway leading from the village of Hockliffe to the town of Leighton Buzzard, situate in the parish of Hockliffe, commencing at a place called Hockliffe Lane End, and proceeding towards the town of Leighton Buzzard of the length of 5 furlongs and 6 poles, and of the breadth of 24 feet, has been repaired.

219 14th October. **Certificate** that a certain part of a common highway leading from the parish of Hawnes to the parish of Maulden, called Limmersey Lane, commencing at a certain place in the said lane near a house in the occupation of William Oliver, and proceeding in a nearly south-westwardly direction, until it enters the public carriage road leading from the village of Clophill to the town of Ampthill of the length of 1 mile, 1 furlong and 4 poles, and of the breadth of 21 feet, has been repaired.

224 18th October. **Certificate** that a certain part of a common highway leading from the town of Baldock, in the county of Hertford to the parish of Dunton, lying in the hamlet of Stratton in the parish of Biggleswade, commencing from the turnpike road leading from the town of Baldock, until it joins the parish of Dunton, containing in length 1 mile, 2 furlongs, and 118 yards, and in breadth 29 feet, has been repaired.

226 18th October. **Certificate** that part of a common highway leading from the town of Bedford to the town of Shefford commonly called Rowney Warren Turnpike, lying in the township of Southill in the parish of Southill, containing in length 2000 yards, and in breadth 30 feet, has been repaired.

227 18th October. **Certificate** that part of a common highway leading from the town of Luton to the town of Hitchin in the county of Hertford, commonly called the Hitchin Road, lying in the township of Luton, containing in length 1400 yards, and in breadth 20 feet, has been repaired.

228 18th October. **Certificate** that part of a common highway, leading from the village of Eyworth to the town of Biggleswade, lying in the parish of Dunton, containing in length 946 yards, and in breadth 30 feet, has been repaired.

229 18th October. **Certificate** that part of a common highway, leading from the town of Silsoe to Shitlington in the parish of Clophill, containing in length 40 poles, and in breadth 30 feet, has been repaired.

230 18th October. **Certificate** that part of a common highway, leading from Chicksands to Clophill in the parish of Clophill at the conjunction of the parishes of Haynes and Clophill, and proceeding nearly in a south-westwardly direction until it enters the public carriage road, leading from Haynes Church End to the parish of Clophill, of the length of 6 furlongs, 15 poles, and of the breadth of 12 feet, has been repaired.

6th November. **Certificate** that a common highway leading from the village of Warden to the town of Biggleswade, situate in the parish of Northill, called Hill Lane, lying between the turnpike road leading from Girtford Bridge to the parish of Clifton, and the turnpike road leading from the town of Biggleswade to the village of Tempsford, called the Great North Road, of the length of 1 mile, 1 furlong, 165 yards, and of the breadth of 11 yards and 2 feet, has been repaired. 231

4th October. **Certificate** that the highway leading out of the road from Potton to Cockayne Hatley near to Potton Church in a southwardly direction in a straight line to the parish of Sutton, has been repaired. 232

18th October. **Certificate** by the goaler of Bedford Goal, that the rules made for the comfort of the prisoners have been complied with. 242

12th July. **Certified** return of penalties for false weights, &c., from Ampthill Petty Sessions. 243

Names of convicted persons given.

18th March. **Report** by the Grand Jury that they have inspected Bedford Goal and that they find it in a very satisfactory state as regards cleanliness and ventilation. They recommend that the women's sleeping rooms be changed to the other end of the ward, and that some of the rooms have new floors. 249

24th January. **Estimate** that it will cost £438 19s. 6d. to put into repair that portion of the Luton Turnpike Road, leading from the town of Bedford to the town of Luton, which runs to, and through the parish of Maulden. The distance from Maulden Wood Corner, adjoining the parish of Hawnes, to the arch across the road adjoining the parish of Clophill is three furlongs and 6 poles, and from 20 to 24 feet in width. 257

25th January. **Estimate** that it will cost £200 16s. to repair a road in the parish of Higham Gobion leading from the turnpike road up a road called Marquis Lane to a bridge in the parish of Pulloxhill, being 31 chains in length. 266

25th January. **Estimate** that it will cost £1001 8s. 0d. to repair a road leading from the parish of Potton to the parish of Wrestlingworth, lying in the parish of Cockayne Hatley, being 78 chains 95 links long. 267

25th January. **Estimate** that it will cost £705 : 0 : 0 to repair part of a road leading from a turnpike gate in the parish of Hockliffe through the hamlet of Egginton. 272

6th April. **Account** of Robert Salmon for £30 : 0 : 0 for extra work at Bromham Bridge. 277

279 6th April. **Account** of J. Pritchard for £45 1s. for inspecting the weights and balances by virtue of warrants granted by the Magistrates therein named.

295 6th March. **Account** of John Usher for £2 10s. 4d. for repairing Great Barford Bridge, and receipt for the same.

311 7th September. **Estimate** that it will cost £111 0s. 0d, to make a new bridge in the parish of Westoning, called Cranfield Bridge, "to be "turned on a ten feet center, to raise 4 feet, to be 20 feet in length, "with four 8 feet wings, to be capt down and guarded with oak timber, "side walls 3-0 high and 3 bricks thick."

311a 11th September. A similar **Estimate** for making the same bridge, with the addition of a 9 foot arch.

331 25th January. **Estimate** that it will cost £575 11s. 4d. to repair a road in the parish of Flitton, "leading from the Church Gate in the parish of Flitton to the parish of Pulloxhill in the village of Greenfield, being 59 chains, from the parish of Pulloxhill to the parish of Westoning being 101 chains."

333 25th January. **Estimate** that it will cost £357 : 0 : 0 to repair a road in the parish of Westoning leading from the parish of Tingrith to the parish of Harlington, being 80 chains in length and 20 feet in breadth.

334 **Estimate** for making a road leading from the turnpike gate in the parish of Hockliffe through the hamlet of Egginton.

341 A **Return** of the number of persons committed to the gaol at the Quarter Sessions of the Peace, holden in the year 1815, distinguishing the crimes for which they were imprisoned, the numbers convicted or discharged, and the sentences of those convicted.

344 **Petition** of Charles Bailey adjutant of the 1st regiment Local Militia, and J. Mitchell adjutant of the 2nd regiment for their travelling expenses when attending the several meetings of the county for the purpose of completing the regiments.

345 **Petition** of the Reverend William Mansfield, rector of the parish of Milton Bryant, that the justices will appoint arbitrators to enquire into the price of a Winchester bushel of wheat in the county of Bedford for the last 21 years.

348 4th January. **Presentment** that a public bridge leading from the parish of Ampthill to the parish of Flitton is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of the County of Bedford ought to repair the same.

30th March. **Presentment** that there is a highway leading from the village of Shelton to the market town of Kimbolton, in the county of Huntingdon, part whereof called the Dean and Shelton Road, lying in the parish of Dean, containing in length 1200 yards and in breadth 30 feet, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Dean ought to repair the same. 355

1st April. **Presentment** that there is a certain highway leading from the town of Aylesbury, in the county of Bucks., to the town of Leighton Buzzard, in which is a bridge built with bricks and other materials over a river called the Ouzell, which bridge is situated as follows: one half part of the said bridge, being the western part thereof, and containing in length 12 feet and in breadth 15 feet, is situate in the parish of Linslades in the county of Bucks., and the other half part of the said bridge, being the eastern part thereof, containing in length 13 feet and in breadth 15 feet, is situate in the parish of Leighton Buzzard, and that that part of the bridge in the parish of Leighton Buzzard is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of the county of Bedford ought to repair the same (see also No. 358). 357

1st April. **Presentment** that a bridge called Cranfield Bridge over a certain brook lying in the parish of Westoning in the common highway leading from the market town of Ampthill to the market town of Toddington is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of the county of Bedford ought to repair the same. 359

30th March. **Presentment** that there is a highway leading from the village of Shelton to the market town of Kimbolton in the county of Huntingdon, part whereof called the Kimbolton and Dean Road, lying in the parish of Shelton, containing in length 670 yards and in breadth 30 feet, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Shelton ought to repair the same. 360

1st October. **Presentment** that a public bridge called Stokes Mills Bridge over a stream of water called the Back Brook, lying in the parish of Felmersham, leading from the parish of Pavenham to the parish of Bletsoe, is in a state of decay, and that the Right Honourable Saint Andrew Lord Saint John, Baron Saint John of Bletsoe ought to repair the said bridge, by reason of his tenure of certain mills and tenements lying in the parish of Bletsoe, called Stoke Mills near to the said bridge as all those who have held the said mills have been accustomed so to do. 368

March. Police Office, Gloucester. **Letter** from Shadrack Charlton, Superintendent of Police, to the Lords Lieutenants and Magistrates of the several counties of England and Wales. Recommends that, in view of the many forgeries that have been committed, more attention be paid to the granting of passes or permits; suggests that Superintendents of vagrants should be appointed in every town of consequence; that aliens should be provided with passports from their 390

respective Consuls; and that suitable employment should be found for re-claimed vagrants; and adds that this system has, to some degree, been adopted in the city of Gloucester.

393 27th November. **Letter** from Richard Parkes to Theed Pearse, Esquire. States that the bearer Mr. John Partridge, Farmer at Leagrave, is the person mentioned as suitable for the office of High Constable for the hundred of Flitt, if his brother magistrates approve of the same will they have him sworn into the said office.

410 **List** of roads in the different towns which Twydale Dear is to inspect and report upon.

CALENDAR.

1816.

15 11th June. **Order** for the removal of Sarah Beer, wife of John Beer, a Serjeant in the 16th Regiment of Foot, and their two children from the parish of St. Paul in the town of Bedford, to the parish of Wellington in the county of Somerset (see also 67).

44 **Gaol calendar.** Epiphany Sessions. John Hares committed for stealing a bundle containing a frock, a coat, and a pocket handkerchief. Sentenced to be transported for 7 years.

45 **Gaol calendar.** Easter Sessions. John Childs convicted of horse stealing, and remaining under reprieve from the sentence of death.

46 **Gaol calendar.** Midsummer Sessions. John Powell, Thomas Jones and William Grainger, committed for stealing four dozen and a half of black worsted stockings and sundry other goods. All to be transported for 7 years.

47 **Gaol calendar.** Michaelmas Sessions. John Nunn committed for having in his possession a certain paper containing words and figures in white on a black ground, resembling the notes of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England. To be transported for 14 years (see post No. 220).

55 17th July. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that the following sums shall be paid for the hire of carriages employed in the conveyance of troops, in addition to the customary rates of 1s., 9d., and 6d. per mile respectively, paid under an Act 56, Geo. III., that is to say, 4d. a mile for any waggon with four or more horses, or any waggon with six oxen or with four oxen and two horses, and 3d. a mile for any cart with four horses and carrying not less than 15 cwt., and 2d. a mile for any cart or carriage with less than four horses and not carrying 15 cwt.

17th July. **Order** at Quarter Sessions for Twydale Dear of Shitlington to view the state of a certain part of a common and ancient highway leading from Gamlingay in the county of Cambridge, towards the town of St. Neots in the county of Huntingdon, situate in the parish of Everton and containing in length 2,882 yards and in breadth 30 feet. and also a certain other part of the said highway leading from Gamlingay towards the said town of St. Neots, containing in length 264 yards and in breadth 30 feet or thereabouts, and to make a report on the probable expence of repairing the same. 56

11th January. **Record** of the conviction of James Sims, William Walker, and Thomas White for poaching. Adjudged to be rogues and vagabonds, and committed to the House of Correction at Bedford. 73

9th April. **Record** of the conviction of William Pettit of the parish of Mauldon, for using a snare for the destruction of game. To forfeit the sum of £5. 75

10th May. **Order** by two Justices of the Peace, that part of a footway within the parish of Wilden, lying between Wilden and Colmworth for the length of 332 yards or thereabouts, be diverted and turned so as to make the same shorter and more commodious to the public. The said Justices have also viewed a course proposed for a new footway in lieu thereof, through the lands and grounds of Mr. Joseph Willis of Bedford, Mr. William Fuller of Wilden and of His Grace the Duke of Bedford, of the length of 289 yards or thereabouts. 80

9th May. **Consents** by Edward Platt of Lidlington, Agent for the Duke of Bedford, William Fuller of Wilden, farmer, and Joseph Willis of Bedford, gentleman, to the making and continuing of a new footpath through their lands as proposed, and in consideration of the old footpath being vested in them. 81-83

20th May. **Notice** that an order for the turning and diverting of the footway leading from Colmworth to Wilden will be lodged with the Clerk of the Peace at Quarter Sessions, and that the said order will be confirmed and enrolled, unless an appeal be entered against the same. 84

Plan of the last mentioned new footway. 85

30th November. **Order** by two Justices for the stopping up of a certain public footway lying partly within the parish of Clophill and partly within the township of Silsoe, in the parish of Flitton-cum-Silsoe, and leading south-eastwardly out of the turnpike road which leads from the town of Bedford to the town of Luton, at a certain place in the said parish of Clophill called the Warren Plantation, and proceeding southwardly through certain enclosed lands of Anabel, Countess De Grey, called the Warren Plantation and the Warren Wood, until the said footway 86

again enters the same turnpike road at or near a certain close in the township of Silsoe, called Great Cold Willows ; the said footway being of the length of 534 yards or thereabouts, that is to say, of the length of about 424 yards in the said parish of Clophill, and of the length of 110 yards in the said township of Silsoe. And it is further ordered that the land and soil of so much of the said footway as lies in the said parish of Clophill, be sold by the surveyors of the highways of the said parish to the Countess de Grey, if she be willing, and if not, to some other person or persons for the full value thereof, and that the money arising thereby, shall be paid to the said surveyors, and be applied towards the general repairs of the highways and bridleways of the said parish of Clophill, and the same with reference to the land and soil of so much of the said footway as lies in the said township of Silsoe.

87 2nd December. **Notice** that the foregoing order has been lodged with the clerk of the peace to be confirmed and enrolled unless an appeal be entered against the same.

88 **Plan** showing the proposed alterations in a footway in Silsoe and Clophill.

89 13th December. **Order** by two justices for the stopping up of a certain public highway within the parish of Meppershall which leads westwardly out of another public highway, being the turnpike road leading from Bedford to the town of Hitchin in the county of Hertford, at or near a certain place in the said parish of Meppershall, called Smarts Lane End, unto a certain place in the said parish, called Upper Close Stile, at the north-west corner of a certain close of Richard Barry, in the said parish called the Upper Close, and containing in length about 2002 yards ; the said first mentioned highway passing between the land of William Lucas and Joseph Lucas, the land of Sir George Osborne, Baronet, and the land of Edward Williamson, clerk, William Green, William Long, John Godfrey, and others (named) trustees of the poor for the township of Shefford, the land of the Countess de Grey, and the land of the Governors of Christ Church Hospital, London, severally and respectively, on or towards the north side thereof, and the land of Thomas Barber, the land of the said trustees, the land of the said Sir George Osborne, the land of the said William and Joseph Lucas, the land of George Arnold, and the land of the said Richard Barry respectively, on or towards the south side thereof. And it is further ordered that the land and soil thereof be sold by the surveyors of the highways of Meppershall to the respective persons whose lands adjoin thereto, if they be willing, if not, to some other person or persons, to the full value thereof, the money so arising to be applied towards the general repair of the highways, etc., of the said parish of Meppershall. Reserving to the first mentioned owners of land, and the trustees of the poor of Shefford, the said Countess De Grey, and the said Governors of Christ Church Hospital, and the said Thomas Barber, George Arnold and Richard Barry respectively, and the several and respective owners of land adjoining the said highway,

a free passage for persons, horses, cattle and carriages through the land and soil of the said highway directed to be stopped up, to and from the land to them respectively belonging, according to their ancient usage thereof, as per plan, see No. 91.

14th December. **Notice** that the foregoing order has been lodged with the clerk of the peace to be confirmed and enrolled unless an appeal be entered against the same. 90

Plan of the highway proposed to be stopped up at Meppershall. 91

12th August. **Information** of James Ford, of Luton, victualler, stating that on the 11th instant at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, a person calling himself John Nunn came to deponent's house with William Hull who called for a pint of beer: and John Nunn said "here is a £50 note, give me change for it." Deponent did not think it was a good one, but wished to enquire of some one who did know, and deponent's wife took it to Mr. Walters, where it was proved to be a note for 50 pence (see also Nos. 47 and 386). 220

The **note** for 50 pence, resembling a Bank of England note for £50, with the word fifty in white on a black ground. 223

10th January. **Certificate** that a certain part of a common highway leading from the town of Potton towards the village of Wrestlingworth, being in the parish of Cockayne Hatley, and containing in length 1144 yards or thereabouts, and in breadth about 30 feet, has been repaired. 267

24th April. **Certificate** that part of a certain common and ancient king's highway leading from the village of Warden to the town of Biggleswade, situate in the hamlet of Hill in the said parish of Warden, lying between Dolittlemill Bridge in the said parish, and the turnpike road leading from Girtford Bridge to Clifton, being of the length of 5 furlongs and 113 yards or thereabouts, and of the breadth of about 8 yards and 1 foot, has been repaired. 268

17th July. **Certificate** that a part of a certain common and ancient king's highway leading from the parish of Sutton to the parish of Eyworth, situate in the parish of Wrestlingworth, lying between the boundary of the parish of Sutton and a bridge called the White Bridge, adjoining the parish of Eyworth, and of the length of 2 furlongs and 8 yards, and of the breadth of 42 feet or thereabouts, has been repaired. 269

17th July. **Certificate** that a part of a common and ancient king's highway leading from the town of Potton towards and unto the parish of Blunham, situate in the parish of Sandy, and containing in length 770 yards or thereabouts, and in breadth about 30 feet, has been repaired. 270

271 17th July. **Certificate** that a certain part of a common and ancient king's highway leading from the town of Luton towards and unto the town of Hitchin, in the county of Hertford, situate in the hamlet of Stopsley, and containing in length 3000 yards, and in breadth 20 feet, has been repaired.

272 17th July. **Certificate** that a certain part of a king's common highway in the township of Luton, called the Cockernol Road, has been repaired.

273 4th October. **Certificate** that a certain public carriage road and highway branching out of the turnpike road leading from Biggleswade towards St. Ives, nearly opposite the vicarage house in Potton, and proceeding in an eastwardly direction until it enters the parish of Cockayne Hatley, has been repaired.

274 16th October. **Certificate** that a certain part of a common and ancient king's highway, commonly called the Dean and Shelton Road, situate in the parish of Dean, and containing in length 1200 feet, and in breadth 30 feet, has been repaired.

275 16th October. **Certificate** that a certain common public bridge commonly called Cranfield Bridge, over a certain common brook, situate in the parish of Westoning, in the King's common highway there, and leading from the market town of Ampthill to the market town of Toddington, has been repaired.

276 16th October. **Certificate** that a certain part of a common and ancient king's highway leading from the village of Dunton to the parish of Wrestlingworth, situate in the said parish, beginning at the boundary of the parish of Eyworth and leading from thence to a hand post in the village of Wrestlingworth, of the length of 3 furlongs and 113 yards or thereabouts, and about the breadth of 40 feet, and from the said hand post to the new farm house in the occupation of ———Wiles, of the length of 4 furlongs and 66 yards or thereabouts, and of the breadth of about 25 feet, has been repaired.

282 16th October. **Certificate** of Thomas Warner, gaoler, in pursuance of the statute in this case made and provided respecting Bedford Gaol.

283 25th December. **Certified Return** of the 2nd Bedfordshire Local Militia, consisting of 1 lieutenant-colonel-commandant (the Right Honourable Lord St. John), 2 majors, 8 captains, 1 lieutenant, 1 ensign, 1 adjutant, 1 surgeon, 1 paymaster, 1 quarter master, 1 serjeant major, 10 serjeants, 18 corporals, 4 drummers including drum-major and 613 rank and file; wanting to complete, 21. Names of officers given.

25th December. **Certified Return** of the 1st Bedfordshire Local Militia, consisting of 1 lieutenant-colonel-commandant (the Marquis of Tavistock), 1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 major, 8 captains, 10 lieutenants, 1 captain and adjutant, 1 surgeon, 1 paymaster and quarter master, 1 serjeant major, 16 serjeants, 10 corporals, 17 drummers, and 633 rank and file. Names of officers given. 284

1st February. **Certified Return** of the Bedfordshire Regiment of Militia, consisting of 1 colonel, 1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 major, 4 captains, 6 lieutenants, including paymaster, assistant surgeon and quarter master, 4 ensigns, 1 adjutant, 1 surgeon, 11 serjeants, 11 corporals, 7 drummers and 165 rank and file; wanting to complete, 152. Names of officers given. 285

Michaelmas Sessions. **Oath** roll. 286

Epiphany Sessions. **Account** for £111 0s. 0d. for building a new arch to a bridge in the parish of Westoning, called Cranfield Bridge, by order of Sessions. 307

6th May. **Account** for £49 12s. 9¾d. for certain repairs, &c., at the county hall and gaol. 310

5th August. **Estimate** of £352 19s. 0d. for a road in the parish of Everton, leading from the town of Everton to the parish of Tempsford. 348

Michaelmas Sessions. **Account** for £4 7s. 6d. for a survey of Hollington Bridge, in the parish of Maulden, with a view of ascertaining whether, as originally built, it was a bridge sufficient for the purposes for which it was designed, and also its present state of delapidation, and reporting on the same. 356

11th December. **Circular** from the Post Master General to the "Lieutenant" for the County of Bedford, calling attention to the interruption of the mails by falls of snow, and urging the importance of maintaining communication between the metropolis and various parts of the kingdom, with all possible exactness, also requesting the magistrates to direct the proper officers of the respective parishes of the county of Bedford to pay attention to the clearing of the roads in the event of a fall of snow. 419

Extract from the will of Arthur Wichelse, of Ampthill (dated 14th October, A.D., 1687), who gave £700 to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of Ampthill, Maulden, Millbrook and Ridgmont, to put out poor children within the respective towns to some honest trades or employments; with directions to trustees to purchase lands or tenements with the said sum, and the yearly value of the same to be paid to the churchwardens and overseers of each of the said four parishes, and an account of the same to be rendered to the said trustees once yearly. 420

CALENDAR.

1817.

17 25th October. **Warrant** to apprehend Moses Ashwell and Joseph Ball, labourers, of Sandy, for hunting and ensnaring hares in the enclosed grounds of the Honourable Samuel Henley Ongley, accused being armed with bludgeons (see also No. 433).

55 Epiphany Sessions. **Gaol calendar.** Samuel Hopkins, committed for having stolen several bank notes from the house of William King, of Eversholt. To be transported for 7 years. Edward Albone, committed for indecent behaviour. To be imprisoned for a month, and publicly whipped in the market place at Bedford (see also No. 59).

57 Midsummer Sessions. **Gaol calendar.** John Peter Osenbrook, committed for stealing a linen sheet. To be transported for 7 years.

64 15th January. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that John Parrott, formerly a pauper, of Chicheley, be discharged from his apprenticeship to William Osborn, grocer and tallow chandler, of Woburn.

67 15th January. **Order** at Quarter Sessions fixing what sums shall be paid for the hire of carriages employed in the conveyance of troops, in addition to the customary rates of 1s., 9d. and 6d. per mile respectively.

73 16th July. **Order** at Quarter Sessions appointing Francis Green, Esquire, of Bedford, and Thomas Cave of the same place, clerk, to be, together with a third person to be chosen by them, arbitrators or referees, for enquiring into and ascertaining from the London Gazette the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat within the county of Bedford for the space of 21 years now last past.

75 15th October. **Order** at Quarter Sessions made upon a report of the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat, that the yearly tithe rent or sum of £182 set forth in the award 35 Geo. III., and made payable to the vicar of Henlow and his successors, shall be increased in proportion, and that the sum of £329 0s. 8¼d. is the amount to which the said yearly rent shall be increased (see also application from the vicar of Henlow and the Rev. Thomas Gregory, Nos. 458 and 459).

82 17th January. **Order** by two Justices that a certain part of a public footway within the parish of Harrold, and lying between Harrold and the village of Carlton, in the hundred of Willey, for the length of about 198 yards, be diverted and turned through the land of Thomas Alston, Esquire, for the length of about 286 yards and of the breadth of about 5 feet.

17th January. **Consent** by Thomas Alston, Esquire, of Harrold, to the above diversion. 83

Plan of the foregoing proposed new footway to Carlton. 84

7th March. **Order** by two justices for the stopping up, diverting and turning of a certain part of a highway or highways, upon or adjoining to a certain farm called Steppingley Warren Farm within the parishes of Flitwick and Steppingley, and also a certain footway, in, over and upon the said farm within the said parishes, that is to say, the highway leading from Tingrith and Flitwick at Clack End, and extending in a north-west direction along the hollow to the south-east end or corner of a close called Dry Close, for the length of about 462 yards, and from a bend in the hedge in another part of the said highway on the east side of a close called Long Close, and extending northward and westward round the north-east corner of the said close to the south-west corner of Steppingley Warren Farm belonging to Joseph Sharples, Esquire, for the length of about 176 yards. And another part of the same highway between the said homestead and the gate in the Water Lane, for the length of about 167 yards, and that part of the highway leading from the north-east corner of Long Close, and extending in a south-east direction to a gate into the highway leading from Eversholt to Steppingley, near a wood belonging to John Parker, Esquire, for the length of about 400 yards; and also that part of the highway from the south-east end or corner of Dry Close, in a northward direction to a wood belonging to the Duke of Bedford, and northward by the side of the wood to a gate into the said highway leading from Eversholt to Steppingley, for the length of about 550 yards; and also the footway leading from Clack End, and extending in a northward direction towards Steppingley for the length of about 884 yards; reserving to the Duke of Bedford, over the lands of the said Joseph Sharples, a free passage for persons, horses and carriages from the north corner of the plantation called Flitwick Plantation, in a north-west direction into the road leading from Eversholt to Steppingley; also one other carriage and cattle way from a lane situate at the south-east extremity of the lands of the said Duke of Bedford at Clack end, in the occupation of John Goodman, and continuing eastward into the road leading from Eversholt to Flitwick; also one bridleway from the lands in the occupation of the said John Goodman, from the present bridle gate near the south corner of Dry Close, and continuing eastward along the south end of that close into the said road leading to Flitwick and crossing the said road, and continuing in the same direction up the valley to a bridle gate entering into the said plantation (see also No. 272). 85

6th March. **Consent** by Joseph Sharples, esquire, of Leighton Bussard, to the making of the proposed new highway through his lands, in consideration of the old highway or highways being stopped up, diverted and turned, and vested in him (see also 87). 86

Plan showing the foregoing proposed new highway. 88

89 24th November. **Order** by two justices for the diverting and turning of a certain part of a public footway within the parish of Luton, leading from Caddington Woodside, and from Market Street and other places, to the said town of Luton, and commencing at the carriage gate at the bottom of the lawn of Samuel Crawley, Esq., and opening into the road or highway from Luton to Market Street, opposite a Close called Great Field, and leading from thence in a straight direction through the said lawn by the north-west corner of the garden wall into and across a certain close of the said Samuel Crawley, in the parish of Luton, called Whipler's Field, to the north-east corner of the said close, and which said public footway, so far as is intended to be diverted, contains in length about 1041 yards. And it is further ordered that as soon as the new footway shall be completed, and the same certified that then the said part of the former footway shall be stopped up, and the ground and soil thereof vested in the said Samuel Crawley in exchange for the new footway.

90 15th August. **Order** by two justices for the diverting and turning of a certain part of a public footway within the parishes of Luton and Caddington, and. leading from the town of Luton to Caddington Woodside and to Market Street and other places, and passing through two closes of James Waller in the parish of Luton, and from thence into and through certain closes, lands, and grounds of Samuel Crawley, Esquire, in the said parish of Luton called Newland's Field, and the lawn, and passing on the south-east side of the mansion house of the said Samuel Crawley, called Stockwood, and from thence into and across a certain close of Joseph Howell, Esquire, called Great Field, in the parish of Caddington, and from thence into and along the north side of a close of the said Joseph Howell, in the same parish called Woodside Field, and along the west side of another close of the said Joseph Howell, called the Wick, into the lane leading from Caddington Woodside towards Luton, which part of the said footway contains in length about 2002 yards. And it is further ordered that as soon as the new footway shall be completed, and the same certified, that then the said part of the said footway shall be stopped up, and the ground and soil thereof vested in the said Samuel Crawley and Joseph Howell, respectively, as far as their lands respectively extend, in exchange for the said new footway.

91 15th August. **Order** by two justices that a certain public footway within the parish of Caddington, leading across and through a certain close of Joseph Howell, Esquire, called Great Field, commencing at the south corner of the said close, and passing through the same close to a gate at the bottom thereof, on the west side of the said close, and opening into the road leading from Luton to Market Street, and being of the length of about 360 yards, be stopped up.

92 24th November. **Consent** by Samuel Crawley, Esquire, of Stockwood, to the making and continuing of the foregoing proposed new footway through his lands and grounds, in consideration of the old footway being exchanged and vested in him.

Notices that the three foregoing orders have been lodged with the Clerk of the peace. 93—95

Plan of the foregoing proposed new footpath from Luton to Caddington Woodside, Market Street and other places. 96

9th April. **Notice** of Appeal by James Monk to the churchwardens and overseers of the parish of Totternhoe, against certain assessments for the relief of the poor of that parish. 97

10th July. **Certificate** that a certain new highway, described in an order for the stopping up, diverting and turning of a highway, and highways and footways upon or adjoining Steppingley Warren Farm, within the parishes of Flitwick and Steppingley, has been completed and put into good condition and repair. 272

16th July. **Certificate** that a certain part of a common king's highway leading from Upper Gravenhurst to a place called Ion in the parish of Lower Gravenhurst, commonly called the Ion Road, and situate in the parish of Upper Gravenhurst, and containing in length 1380 yards, and in breadth 20 feet, has been repaired. 273

16th July. **Certificate** that a certain part of a highway leading from Cockayne Hatley towards the village of Sandy, situate in the parish of Potton, and continuing in length about 1342 yards, and in breadth about 30 feet, has been repaired. 274

16th July. **Certificate** that part of a highway leading from the village of Shelton towards and unto the market town of Kimbolton, in the county of Huntingdon, and called the Kimbolton and Dean Road, situate in the parish of Shelton, and containing in length 670 yards, and in breadth 30 feet, has been repaired. 275

11th August. **Certificate** that a certain part of a highway leading from the parish of Wrestlingworth to the parish of Potton, situate in Potton, and lying between the boundary of the parish of Wrestlingworth and the parish of Cockayne Hatley and the brick clamps in the furlong called Short Herdon Furlong in the old field in the parish of Potton, and containing in length about 6 furlongs, 77 yards, and in breadth about 23 feet, has been repaired. 276

11th August. **Certificate** that a certain part of a common highway leading from the town of Potton towards and unto the village of Eyworth, situate in the parish of Wrestlingworth, and containing in length 1166 yards or thereabouts, and in breadth about 40 feet, has been repaired. 277

278 15th October. **Certificate** that a certain part of an ancient highway leading from the town of Silsoe, in the parish of Flitton, towards and unto the parish of Streatley, commonly called Barton Hill Road, situate in the parish of Barton-in-the-Clay, and containing in length about 3000 yards, and in breadth about 20 feet, has been repaired.

280 15th October. **Certificate** by Thomas Warner, gaoler, respecting the gaol of Bedford, and certifying that certain rules have been complied with.

281—282 27th January. **Two Certificates** by Theed Pearse, clerk of the peace for the county of Bedford, that no militia returns have been received by him for the year ending December 31st, and that the omission has been certified to the Justices of the Peace.

283 25th December. A **Certified Return** of the Bedfordshire Regiment of Militia, consisting of 1 colonel, 1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 major, 4 captains (1 brevet), 6 lieutenants including paymaster and quarter master, 3 ensigns, 1 adjutant, 1 surgeon, 1 assistant-surgeon, 2 serjeants, 2 corporals, 7 drummers, and 317 privates (Establishment 317).

284 11th April. **Certificate** by John Hodgson, preacher, that a certain room in a dwelling house in Standbridge is intended to be used as a place of religious worship by an assembly of protestants, and requesting the registration of the same according to an act 52 Geo. III.

285 12th April. **Certificate** as above, respecting a room in a dwelling house in Leighton Buzzard.

287 **Certificates** by certain churchwardens, overseers and others, named, on behalf of Richard Simpson, junior, of Silsoe, against whom a charge of a serious nature has been brought by Mary Bosworth and Charlotte Harris, of Clophill, and certifying that the charge alledged has been most grossly misrepresented, and testifying to the good character of the said Richard Simpson.

288 26th December. **Certificate** by the Reverend Edward Tanqueray, clerk, justice of the peace, that on the 26th December, he visited the workhouse of the parish of Sundon, and examined into the condition of the poor people therein, and the general state of affairs, and found the workhouse in want of repairs, and the poor therein in a wretched and filthy condition ; and further certifies that it is necessary for the repairs to take place immediately, and that a well which is filled up with filth and dirt should be cleansed, and that a fence round the garden should be repaired. Also that it is necessary forthwith to provide for the use of the poor in the said workhouse, 8 bedsteads, 8 beds, 16 blankets, 2 pairs of sheets to each bed, and 8 rugs or coverlids.

15th April. **Report** on Langford Bridge by John Millington. Langford Bridge, near Biggleswade, is an ancient structure, consisting of two gothic arches, supported upon a centre pier 4 feet 6 inches wide, which blocks up a great part of the river Ivel, over which it is built; and which at the bridge is reduced to 18 feet in width. The river is subject to considerable floods, and on account of the road to Biggleswade being very low, it is frequently under water, as well as the surrounding meadows, and the arches rise so small a distance from the water's surface as to be filled in flood time; in consequence of which, about one-fourth in length of the centre pier has fallen down, and with it about the same quantity of the bridge, which is reduced to about 9 feet in width, and is in a dangerous state as a road for the public, particularly as both the parapet walls are completely down. It is at present repaired in a temporary manner, by laying trees over it which are covered with gravel, and rough side rails have also been fixed up. From the low situation of the road it will be impossible to introduce a single arch of such dimensions as not to be choked up in flood time, without producing a disagreeable ascent and descent in the road, which would require a very considerable quantity of gravel to raise it on either side to form an easy ascent. I therefore recommend that the two side walls should be rebuilt in brickwork in a perpendicular form at 18 feet asunder, and that a wooden bridge should be constructed consisting of five trussed bearers covered with 3 inch oak plank and gravel. That the parapets be formed of oak railing being the trussing of the two exterior bearers; and if substantially done in this manner it will be completed for £180 4s. 0d., on a supposition of the road being 12 feet wide. To complete it in brickwork with an elliptic arch 18 feet span, will cost £164, exclusive of raising the road, which cannot be rated at less than £50 more, and if this is not done, it will be again subject to be affected by the rising of the water. 295

11th October. **Report** by Francis Green, Esquire, and Thomas Cave, clerk, of Bedford, arbitrators and referees, together with Edmond Williamson, of Campton, clerk, a person chosen and appointed by them, for ascertaining the price of a Winchester bushel of good marketable wheat, stating that they have ascertained from the London Gazette the average price, within the county of Bedford for the space of 21 years last past, to be 9s. 10½d. per bushel. 296

Account of John Millington, engineer, for £46 5s. 3d. for surveying and reporting, &c., on the condition of the county bridges at Barton-in-the-Clay and Hollingford, in the parish of Maulden, from 17th May—12th October. 335

June. **Account** of William Berrill & Son for £172 12s. 0d. for taking away the roofs of the two courts of the County Hall, repairing and slating the same with lead gutter, and the repairs and alterations to the parapet walls and chimneys, the whole complete according to estimate. (See also descriptive particulars of above, No. 483 with plan annexed.) 350

381 15th October. **Petition** of eight persons (named) to the magistrates of the county of Bedford, showing that a requisition signed by upwards of 80 respectable gentlemen and tradesmen of the town of Bedford having been made to the mayor for the purpose of convening a general meeting of the inhabitants, to take into consideration the propriety of addressing the directors of the House of Industry on the necessity of changing the system now carried on in the management of that establishment, and the mayor begging to decline interference in the matter, the petitioners, deputed by the parishes of St Paul, St. Peter, St. John and St. Cuthbert, request the use of the County Hall for a meeting.

382 8th September. **Petition** of John Hopkins, late of Biggleswade, labourer, to the Court of Insolvent Debtors, declaring that he is willing to submit to be fully examined touching the justice of his conduct to his creditors and praying to be discharged as to all process upon which he is now in custody, and to have future liberty of his person against the demands for which he is so detained, and also against the demands of all persons named or specified as creditors.

386 **Memorial** of the inhabitants of the county of Bedford (except the inhabitants respectively of the parish of Langford) stating that they do not apprehend that the King ought to impeach them with regard to the repair of a bridge in the said parish of Langford, because the said inhabitants of that parish, from time immemorial, before the time mentioned in a certain indictment respecting the same, have ever and of right ought to repair the said bridge; and they pray that the inhabitants of the county of Bedford, with the exception of the said inhabitants of Langford, may be discharged as to the said bridge.

387 1st January. **Presentment** that a certain common public bridge, over a stream of water, being a branch of and running into the river Ivel, called Langford Bridge, situate in the parish of Langford, in the common highway there, leading from the market town of Biggleswade towards and unto the market town of Hitchin, in the county of Hertford, was and still is in great decay, broken and ruinous, thus causing great danger to passengers (horse and foot), and that the inhabitants of the county of Bedford ought to repair and amend the said bridge, when and as often as it shall be necessary.

419 16th August. **Indictment** of William Smith, of Biddenham, labourer, for uttering a counterfeit coin, made to represent a shilling, and for having in his possession at the time of uttering the same, one other counterfeit coin for the same purpose.

444 15th January. **Declaration** by Justinian Alston, Esq., that, being the owner of certain messuages, lands, &c., within the parishes of Odell and Pavenham, he is therefore qualified to act as a justice of the peace.

16th April. **Declarations** as above by James Reed, clerk, of the rectory of the parish of Eversholt, William Henry Whitbread, Esq., of Southill, and William Pierce Nethersole, of the rectory of Clophill, respectively. 445—447

27th December. Claremont. **Letter** from Sir Robert Gardiner to the High Sheriff of Bedford (Samuel Crawley, Esq.) "I have this day had the honour of presenting to the Prince Leopold, the address of the nobility, gentry, clergy and freeholders of the county of Bedford on the recent deplored events at Claremont. The Prince Leopold receives this address with sincere satisfaction. However deep and overwhelming his sorrows must ever remain, he still feels most sensibly the affection and interest with which all have turned to share and mitigate his griefs, and he receives with most attached and consoling confidence this further proof of the general and unbounded feeling in the country's loss, and in his own affliction." 449

29th December. Whitehall. **Letter** from Lord Sidmouth to the High Sheriff of Bedford, "I have had the honour to lay before H.R.H. the Prince Regent, the very dutiful and loyal address of the nobility, gentry, clergy and freeholders of the county of Bedford, expressing their affectionate condolence on the ever to be lamented death of H.R.H. the Princess Charlotte, and I am to acquaint you that His Royal Highness received the same in the most gracious manner." 451

14th January. **Statement** of Jonathan Nunn, of Market Street, to the magistrates of the county of Bedford, shewing the unfortunate condition to which he has been reduced in consequence of the number of paupers (nearly 500) whom he has been obliged to convey towards their respective destinations, within the last quarter, and soliciting their assistance, without which he must inevitably be ruined. 462

27th November. **Notice** of application by Robert Porter Beachcroft, Rector of Blunham, to the justices of the peace, to have two persons appointed, to be together with a third person appointed by them, arbitrators for enquiring into and ascertaining the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat. 473

30th December. Reproposal for widening Barford Bridge. **Letter** from Thomas Elger to John Day, Esq, "I will engage to perform the above works in the most substantial manner, using the very best materials, free from sap, for the sum of £300. The money to be paid as follows:—When the works have been completed 12 months £100, and 12 months after the first payment £100, and 12 months after the second payment £100." 474

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Epiphany Sessions. Jane Vesey and Anne Tracey charged with uttering forged bank notes. 66

75 14th January. **Statement** of the Rev. Edward Tanqueray, Justice of the Peace, that he has visited the workhouse, kept for the maintenance of the poor of the parish of Sundon, and found it in want of repair and the poor therein in a filthy and wretched condition ; he also states that it is necessary to cleanse the well which is filled up with filth and dirt, to repair the fence round the garden, and to provide new beds and bedding.

83 1st April. **Order** at Quarter Sessions by Thomas Lilburne, William Wells Gardner, and Miller Golding, that they have ascertained from the London Gazette the average price of a Winchester bushel of good marketable wheat for the space of 15 years last past, and that such price amounts to 10s. 1¼d. per bushel, and that such average price is more than the average price set forth in the award made by the commissioners to the value of 3d. and upwards. It is therefore ordered that the yearly rent of £306 19s. 4d. made payable to the rector of Blunham and his successors shall be increased to £567 16s. 5d. (see also Nos. 76 and 394).

85 15th July. **Order** at Quarter Sessions by Thomas Lilburne, Benjamin Welstead and Miller Golding that they have ascertained the price of a Winchester bushel of wheat for 10 years last past to be 10s. 11¾d., and that such average price is more than the average price set forth by the award made by the commissioners to the value of 3d. and upwards. It is therefore ordered that the yearly tithe rent of £103 payable to the rector of Shelton be increased to £206 13s. 6¾d. (see also Nos. 395, 591 and 595).

87 15th July. **Ordered** that the tythe rent of £130 payable to the rector of Risely be increased to £259 6s. 1d. (see also No. 396).

89 15th July. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that the inhabitants of the hamlet of Standbridge do pay a fine of £150 to John Long for not repairing a certain part of a highway leading from the village of Egginton to the village of Totternhoe, situate in the hamlet of Standbridge, commencing from the hamlet of Egginton, and continuing to the end of a lane leading to the church or chapel of Egginton, containing in length 660 yards, and in breadth 30 feet (see also No. 569).

90 15th July. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that the inhabitants of the hamlet of Egginton, in the township of Leighton Buzzard, do pay a fine of £130 for not repairing a certain part of a highway leading out of the village of Hockliffe to the village of Totternhoe, situate in the hamlet of Egginton, commencing near a house in the occupation of Hannah Moore in the hamlet of Egginton, and continuing as far as the hamlet of Standbridge, containing in length 324 yards or thereabouts, and in breadth 30 feet or thereabouts (see also No. 568).

120 31st August. **Statement** by James Webster and William Pierce Nethersole, Justices of the Peace, at a special sessions held at Chicksands Priory, in the hundred of Clifton, that having upon view found that a certain part of a bridleway and footway within the extra

parochial place of Chicksands in the said hundred, lying between the town of Shefford and the village of Clophill, and passing out of the public bridleway leading from the town of Bedford to the village of Campton, at the eastern corner of a certain close of Sir John Osborne, Baronet, called Miller's Close, into and along the north-eastern side of the same close, and from thence across certain other closes of the said Sir John Osborne, called Great End Field, Conduit Field, and Grub Close, to the eastern corner of a certain other close of the said Sir John Osborne, called the meadows, for the length of 1562 yards or thereabouts, and particularly described in the plan hereunto annexed as lying between the letters A and B. And also a certain other footway, within the extra parochial place of Chicksands aforesaid, and the parish of Clophill, leading out of the last described bridleway to the highway leading from the village of Campton to the village of Clophill, and passing along the eastern side of Grub Close to the south corner of Chicksands Wood, and from thence in a north-west direction into and along the northern sides of certain closes of the said Sir John Osborne, called Hither Close and Further Wood Piece, and across certain closes of William Montague, Esq., called Wood Piece and Spring Close, for the length of 1485 yards or thereabouts, and also particularly described in the plan hereunto annexed as lying between the letters F, G and H. And also a certain other footway within the extra parochial place of Chicksands, lying between the said town of Shefford and the said village of Clophill, and passing from and out of the public bridleway leading from the town of Shefford to the village of Haynes at the entrance gate to Chicksands, across certain closes of the said Sir John Osborne, called the Home Close, Broom Hill and Great Endfield to the said first described bridleway at the western corner of the said close called Great Endfield, for the length of 1177 yards, and also particularly described in the plan hereunto annexed, as lying between the letters C and D, may severally be diverted and turned so as to make the same nearer and more commodious to the public. And having viewed a certain course proposed for the new bridleway and footway in lieu thereof in a straight line through the lands and grounds of the said Sir John Osborne, in the extra parochial place of Chicksands aforesaid, (that is to say) The said close called Broom Hill, certain other closes called Horse Close and Little Endfield, and the said closes called Great Endfield, Conduit Field and Grub Close, of the length of 1793 yards and of the breadth of 8 feet, particularly described in the plan hereunto annexed, as lying between the letters E and B, and having received evidence of the consent of the said Sir John Osborne to the said new bridleway being made through his lands lastly hereinbefore described by writing under his hand and seal, they do hereby order that the said bridleway and footways be diverted and turned through the lands last aforesaid, and they do further order that when such new bridleway and footway shall be completed and put into good repair, and so certified by two justices of the peace, then the old bridleway and footway hereinbefore described shall be stopped up and inclosed, and the ground and soil thereof vested in the said Sir John Osborne and William Montague as far as their lands respectively extend.

31st August. **Consent** of Sir John Osborne that the bridleway mentioned in the foregoing statement shall be diverted. 121

122 31st August. **Notice** that the above mentioned bridleway and footways are to be diverted ; this notice to be fixed at the sides of the said bridleway and footways, and also on the door of the parish church for three successive Sundays.

123 **Plan** relating to the foregoing order.

124 31st August. **Statement** by Robert Hibbert, Esquire, and the Revd. James Horseman, two justices of the peace at a special sessions held at Luton in the hundred of Flitt, that having upon view found that a certain part of a public footway, within the parish of Luton, leading from Park Street, in the town of Luton near the Pound there, into a certain lane or field-way, adjoining a certain common field in Luton called Bailey Field, and commencing at the west corner of the yard or burying ground belonging to the Baptist meeting house in Luton aforesaid, and proceeding in a diagonal direction across a certain close of pasture ground of Susannah Collett, William Burr and Solomon Burr, in the parish of Luton, called Meeting House Close, to the west corner of the said close where it enters the said lane or field-way, which said part of the said ancient footway through the lands aforesaid contains in length 67 yards or thereabouts, and in breadth 4 feet, and is particularly described in the plan hereunto annexed, may be diverted and turned to make the same more commodious to the public, and having viewed a certain course proposed for the new footway in lieu thereof, commencing at the west corner of the said yard or burying ground, and proceeding nearly in a straight line with the other part of the said footway leading from Park Street, and across the said close called Meeting House Close in a straight direction until it enters the said lane or field-way hereinbefore mentioned, at the distance of 28 yards from the west corner of the said close. And which said new footway contains in length 61 yards or thereabouts, and in breadth 6 feet, and is particularly described in the plan hereunto annexed ; and having received evidence of the consent of the said Susannah Collett, William Burr and Solomon Burr to the said new footway being made through the said close by writing under their hands and seals. They do hereby order that the said footway shall be diverted and turned through the lands aforesaid, and they do further order that as soon as the said new footway shall be completed and put into good condition and repair, and shall have been duly certified by two justices of the peace, then the said part of the said former footway shall be from henceforth stopped up, and the ground and soil thereof vested in the said Susannah Collett, William Burr and Solomon Burr in exchange for the new footway (see also No. 376).

125 31st August. **Consent** of Susannah Collett, William Burr and Solomon Burr that the footway above described shall be diverted through their lands.

126 31st August. **Notice** that the order for diverting the above mentioned footway shall be lodged with the clerk of the peace to be confirmed and enrolled, and that the order be affixed to Luton church door for three consecutive Sundays.

Plan relating to the above mentioned footway. 127

10th November. **Order** by two justices of the peace that the two several footways, both being of the length of 407 yards or thereabouts, be stopped up, as they are unnecessary, and the land and soil to be sold by the surveyors of the highways of the parish of Pertenhall, in which they are situated, to Peter Augustus Lautour, Esq., whose land adjoins thereto, for the full value thereof, if not, to some other person or persons. 129

Plan relating to the above mentioned footways. 130

5th October. **Certificate** by two justices of the peace that they have viewed a certain part of a public footway in the parishes of Luton and Caddington, leading from the town of Luton to Caddington Woodside, and to Market Street and other places, and which by a certain order by them made was diverted and turned in the manner and direction in the said order mentioned, and which order hath been since confirmed, which said new footway is particularly described in the said order and in the plan thereunto annexed, and they find that the said footway, containing in length 1770 yards, and in breadth 4 feet, is completed and put into good repair. 372

7th October. **Certificate** that a certain part of a highway leading from the village of Cockayne Hatley to the village of Eyworth, lying in the parish of Wrestlingworth, containing in length 1562 yards, and in breadth 30 feet; and also a certain part of a highway leading from the village of Cockayne Hatley to Eyworth, containing in length 770 yards, and in breadth 30 feet, have been repaired. 373

20th October. **Certificate** that a certain part of a highway lying in the hamlet of Egginton, in the parish of Leighton Bussard, commencing at a house in the occupation of Sarah Moore, in the hamlet of Egginton, and thence continuing as far as the hamlet of Standbridge, containing in length 324 yards, and in breadth 30 feet, which was presented by the Honble. William Waldegrave for being out of repair; has been repaired. 374

21st October. **Certificate** that part of a highway leading from the town of Potton to the village of Arrington, in the county of Cambridge, being in the parish of Cockayne Hatley, containing in length 2618 yards, and in breadth 30 feet; and also part of another highway between the same places, containing in length 638 yards, and in breadth 30 feet, have been repaired. 375

21st October. **Certificate** by Thomas Warner, gaoler of Bedford gaol, that the within mentioned directions for the well being of the prisoners have been complied with. 385

387 25th December. **Certified Return** of the names, number and rank of the officers, and the number of non-commissioned officers and privates of the Bedfordshire Regiment of Militia, consisting of 1 colonel, 1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 major, 4 captains, 6 lieutenants, 3 ensigns, 1 adjutant, 1 surgeon, 11 serjeants, 11 corporals, 7 drummers, and 294 rank and file. Names of officers given.

388 20th October. **Report** of the justices that the proposed rate on the rateable property in the parish of Apsley Guise is a fair and proportionate one, and that the same has been allowed; and also that the costs and expences referred to them are to be paid by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish.

464 14th July. **Statement** by John Long, surveyor, that the expence of making the Stanbridge Road is £130.

465 11th July. **Estimate** by John Long that the cost of making the road over Egginton Green to Stanbridge is £110.

473 5th September. **Account** of William Brown for 17s. 6d. for carting lime and sand for Cardington Bridge.

474 5th September. **Account** of Samuel Redman for £4 9s. 3d. for materials for Cardington Bridge.

490 19th September. **Account** of W. Berrell & Son for £10 19s. 4d. for bricklayer's work, &c., to Cardington Bridge.

492 **Receipt** for the above account.

493 **Account** of William Brown for 11s. 6d. for carting materials for Cardington Bridge.

496 **Account** of John Robinson for 13s. for Great Barford Bridge.

498 7th December. **Number** of prisoners in Bedford gaol and House of Correction.

502 29th March. **Petition** of Jonathan Nunn, pass-master of Market Street, for an advance of salary by reason of the increased number of vagrants travelling on that road.

505 15th July. **Representation** by the high constables of the county of Bedford, that complaints have been made by several of the parishes, of the sums charged by them as a remuneration for their services, stating the methods which they have adopted, and which they

consider unequal, and suggesting that it would be more equitable if the court were to allow a salary to be paid out of the county rates to each of the high-constables in proportion to the number of places in each hundred, by which means each parish and place would be made to contribute in equal proportions according to the sums charged upon them respectively in the county rates.

In connection with the above representation, the clerk of the peace has applied for information of what is done in the adjoining counties with the following result :— 507

HUNTINGDONSHIRE :—Each high constable is paid a salary of £40 for the delivery of precepts and for attending the Assizes for 10 days; for other services, bills are made out and paid like other bills.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE :—No regular allowance—some receive only 10s., others £3 10s.

HERTFORDSHIRE :—A yearly salary of £6 besides what they receive from the parish officers.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE :—A yearly salary of £30 for collecting rates and attending sessions and assizes; they also receive from the clerk of petty sessions a fee of 1s. for the service of notice and warrants to each petty constable.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE :—No fixed salary, but receive from each petty constable 1s. for every assize and session bill, and 1s. for each land tax assessment, and 1s. for every warrant and precept.

14th January. **Presentment** that there is a highway leading from the village of Standbridge to the village of Eaton Bray, a certain part whereof situated in the parish of Totternhoe, commencing from the boundary of the hamlet of Standbridge in the township of Leighton Bussard, and continuing as far as the parish of Eaton Bray, containing in length 1562 yards, and in breadth 30 feet or thereabouts, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Totternhoe ought to repair the same. 568

1st April. **A similar presentment** of the same highway in the parish of Eaton Bray, which ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of that parish. 571

22nd June. **Requisition** by three justices of the peace to James Castleman, keeper of the Shire Hall, to prevent the said hall being used as a dining room during the coming election, and to resist any application for using the hall for any other purpose than the legitimate one. 586

Same date. **Protest** by certain justices against the said hall being used as a dinner room for Colonel Osborne and his friends. 587

593 Eastern Session. **Brief** for counsel to move for the appointment of referees to enquire as to the average price of corn in the county for the last 10 years, in order that the corn rent of the vicar of Risley may be raised.

It is stated that the enclosure act for Risely was passed in 33 Geo. III, and it was enacted that the vicar's allotment for tithes should be allotted to Lord St. John, in lieu whereof the yearly sum of £130 should be paid to the vicar by half yearly payments.

The commissioners were to ascertain the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat for 21 years preceding the commencement of the act, and set forth such price, and what quantity of wheat at that price £130 would purchase.

The vicar or Lord St. John were to apply to have 3 persons appointed to enquire into the average price of wheat for the last 10 years, and in case it should appear that the average price was more or less than the average price set forth in the award by 3d. or upwards, the said yearly rent of £130 should be increased or diminished in proportion.

The commissioners awarded to Lord St. John an allotment containing 181 acres 2 roods 14 poles, which, with other lands, is charged with the yearly sum of £130 as a corn rent to the vicar to be paid at the vicarage.

The commissioners ascertained that the average price of wheat for the last 21 years was 5s. 6d. per bushel, at which price the £130 would purchase 472 bushels 2 pecks.

595 18th September. **Notice** by the Revd. Edmond Williamson, rector of the parish of Campton-cum-Shefford, that he intends to apply for three persons to enquire into the average price of wheat, and if such price is more or less than the average price by 2d. or upwards, then the yearly sum of £179 14s. payable to the rector shall be increased or diminished.

597 That Mr. Harper, Mr. Farmer and Mr. Green be a committee to examine the state of Stafford Bridge, and to enquire whether any parish or individual is bound to repair the same or any part thereof.

599 The Attorney General's opinion with reference to coroners' travelling expenses is, that they should be paid 9d. a mile for every mile they travel, both out and home again.

613 31st March. Bedford. **Letter** from C. Dumelow to The Honble. Wm. Waldegrave, stating that his object in desiring to visit prisoners in gaol and to give them tracts, is not to infringe on the privileges of the chaplain, but only to render himself useful.

614 12th May. **Letter** from Theed Pearse, stating that a general session of the peace is to be held on the 18th instant, for the following objects, "To consider and determine upon the proposal of Mr. Allen, the

contractor for building Tempsford Bridge, to refer the action commenced by him against the magistrates, and all matters in dispute to the arbitration of a barrister, to be invested with the most ample powers; a measure recommended by Mr. Serjeant Blossett, the counsel for the Justices.

To consider the report of Mr. Savage on the state of the present timber bridge at Tempsford, and the representations of the trustees of the north road with respect to that bridge, and the state of Biggleswade Bridge.

And also to take into consideration certain complaints which have been made against one of the chief constables, of collecting within the last two years higher county rates than have been ordered by the court, and the propriety of requiring security from the chief constables, as authorized by the Act 55 George III. c. 51."

14th July. Hammersmith. **Letter** from John Millington to the magistrates, 615
"I have inspected Biggleswade Bridge according to the directions I received from the clerk of the peace. I found the delapidations there of so trifling a nature, that I think the bench of magistrates ought not to have been troubled on the occasion. Mr. Hedding, the surveyor of the Biggleswade roads, met me on the spot to explain the nature of the complaint which is that the foundation of one of the wing walls of the bridge is undermined in a slight degree by the wash or splash of water, occasioned by cattle and carriages going into the river at a watering place which is made by the bridge side, and which has never been protected by throwing earth up against it. This would have been prevented, had a single length of elm or oak planks been spiked to some short stakes to break the force of the water, or by occasionally replacing the gravel of the wash road as it was carried away; but as it now stands, the wall must be underpinned with masonry for about 40 feet, otherwise it is in danger of falling before long, which may endanger the road. Mr. Hedding promised to throw in a few loads of "golt" and road scrapings, and to bank them up against the wall which will protect it and prevent further mischief for the present. But I by all means recommend that the wall should be underpinned, and properly repaired without delay, as at present this repair will not cost more than £5 or £6, but if neglected, may be of more serious consequence.

By the inscription on the bridge, it appears it was built at the joint expence of the river commissioners, the trustees of the road, and the county. As a county bridge there can be no obligation to make or maintain the wash way at the side, which I suppose should be maintained by the road trust, as a part of the road; and if it had been properly gravelled and maintained by them the present mischief would not have occurred, therefore it appears to me hard that the county should be at any expence on the present occasion; but I presume the act of parliament, if any, or the deed or agreement under which this bridge was built, provides for the manner in which it is to be maintained and repaired, and I should suppose its own tolls equivalent to this purpose. I shall, however, abide your directions as to proceeding with the repairs.

With respect to Hollington Bridge, the delay which has occurred has arisen from my being unable to see his Grace the Duke of Bedford in consequence of his removal to the continent; nor did I feel that I had any authority to repair the bridge, having no specific directions to that effect until the receipt of your order of the 19th May last. I immediately afterwards took measures to have it repaired, and it is now compleated, with the exception only of the timber fencing.

My estimate for rebuilding it as delivered to you some time ago, was £164, and I agreed with Mr. Joseph Scrivener, mason, of Sharnbrook, whom I could confide in, as having worked under me before, to rebuild all that part which can be considered as a county bridge and to reinstate the road (except gravelling it) at my price, being £120. If the Duke of Bedford's weir is reinstated and repaired in the manner I proposed, it will come to the remainder of the money, but as I consider this as not appertaining to the county, I shall wait your directions respecting it, but some repairs must be done to it, either by the county or the Duke of Bedford, otherwise Hollington Bridge, now perfect, may be endangered.

It would be desirable to order the land holders on either side of the water course below the bridge to clean it out, if there is power to do so, as the water at present is much penned up by weeds and trees, and as Mr. Scrivener has completed his work in a good and workmanlike manner, I shall feel obliged by your confirming the agreement I made with him."

622 31st August. **Circular letter** from Theed Pearse, clerk of the peace, "By an act passed in the 54th year of His Majesty, for amending the general highway act, it is directed that the justices of the district at their special sessions for the highways held in the week next after Michaelmas, yearly, shall fix such rates as they shall adjudge reasonable, as a composition in lieu of the teams, carts, horses, oxen, or labour, which persons are bound in the proportions now fixed by law to provide or perform, which rates the said justices are thereby authorized and required annually to make known at such special sessions, due regard being had to the actual wages of labour, and to the actual rate of hiring teams, draughts, ploughs, carts, horses, or oxen, in the parish, place, or district, in which such composition is required."

"And that all persons who are liable under any of the provisions of any of the highway acts, to contribute to the repair of the highways, by a payment of money in lieu of statute duty, shall contribute thereto in lieu of every day's statute duty, for every twenty shillings of the actual annual value of the lands and hereditaments which such person shall respectively occupy, a sum equal to one-fiftieth part of the sum affixed by the justices at the time and in the manner by the said act directed, as the composition for one day's labour of a cart, wain, or carriage, furnished with three horses and two able men, omitting any fractional part of the said sum which does not amount to one farthing."

. "The magistrates assembled at the last Quarter Sessions of the peace, having taken the subject into consideration, were of opinion, the rates for team duty, and the composition hereunder mentioned are reasonable, and for the sake of uniformity through the county, they recommend the adoption of those rates to the magistrates in their respective districts."

The rate or sum of 12s. 6d. as a reasonable composition for a team with 3 horses and 2 men.

The rate or sum of 8s. 4d. as a reasonable composition for a cart with 2 horses.

The rate or sum of 4s. 2d. as a reasonable composition for a cart with one horse.

The composition in the same proportion for each 20s.

Memoranda from Warwick as to the Gaol and Bridewell. The staff at the gaol consists of a gaoler and three turnkeys paid by the county. A debtor who is remanded for five years is constantly in the yard with the prisoners to report what he sees going wrong, for which the county pays him 7/- a week, his place is taken at night by a watchman, who receives 2/6 a week. The boys are employed heading pins, under a master, which is considered the best form of employment, and they are kept in excellent order. The women are employed stitching patten ties, for which they receive half their earnings. The gaol is very secure, being built of stone with separating walls of the same, well guarded with rolling chevaux-de-frize, rendering escape impossible. The yards are paved with Yorkshire pavement, which is cleaner than gravel. 623

The Bridewell is a complete woolen manufactory, the whole process is carried on from the fleece to the carpet, &c. The prisoners are let by the county to a mechanic at———per head, who teaches and superintends the whole concern, the women are employed in spinning, the mechanics and men of slight stature in combing, weaving, &c.; farmers, servants, labourers, and short imprisonments are employed in grinding wheat, for which purpose they have two mills, one worked by eight men, the other by fifteen, the latter has only been put up about a month, built by a Mr. Corby, of Castle Ashby, Northamptonshire, the stones are 3 ft. 6 in. in diameter, on just the same principle as our own, the dressing machine is also on the same principle, but the cylinder is much longer and prevents a deal of trouble.

The boys are employed in wire drawing and heading pins; they sleep as many as thirty in a room, in berths divided on the floor by single boards about 10 inches high.

CALENDAR.

1819.

37 Epiphany Sessions. **Gaol calendar.** James Waldeck, charged upon his own confession, with having received copper money to the value of 3s. on account of his master, Christopher Pryor, and with having embezzled and made away with such money. To be committed to gaol for one month and privately whipped.

37 William Studman charged with having received 2 bushels of fine pollard valued at 16s., and 2 bushels of coarse pollard valued at 5s., and also with having received 3 strikes of coarse pollard valued at 3s., which had been stolen by Thomas Halworth, the said William Studman knowing the same to have been stolen. To be transported for 14 years.

41 Midsummer Sessions. **Gaol calendar.** William Parks, charged on suspicion of stealing 1 linen sheet. Committed to gaol for two calendar months, and to be publicly whipped in the market place at Bedford.

52 14th July. **Order** on the application of the vicar of Dunton (under the Dunton enclosure act 37 Geo. III.) appointing Thomas Lilburne, of Cardington, and Charles Bloodworth, of Kimbolton, in the county of Huntingdon, to ascertain the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat in regard to the payment of tithe rent payable by Earl Spencer to the vicar of Dunton.

56 21st April. **Order** at Quarter Sessions made upon the report of Henry Humphry Goodall, Thomas Lilburne and Robert Gresham as to the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat for 15 years, that the yearly rent or sum of £179 14s. 0d. mentioned and set forth in an award, and made payable to the rector of Campton-cum-Shefford and his successors at the time and in manner therein mentioned, shall be increased in proportion to the average price of 10s. 4d. per bushel, and that the sum of £322 8s. 10d. is the exact amount of the sum to which the said yearly rent or sum shall be so increased (see also No. 50, 360 and 571).

83 20th October. **Order** at Quarter Sessions made upon the application of Charles Barnett, of Stratton Park, to the justices of the peace, to adjudge and assess the damage done to 2 acres 3 roods and 30 perches of ground, situate at Stratton, and belonging to the said Charles Barnett, by digging, gathering and carrying away therefrom, materials for repairing and amending the roads leading from Stevenage, in the county of Hertford to Biggleswade, and assessing the said damages at £82 10s. 7½d.

1st January. **Notice** of appeal by Thomas Hart, of Keysoe, tenant and occupier of a farm situate within the parishes of Keyse and Pertenhall, to the surveyors of the highways of Pertenhall and others, against an order for stopping up as unnecessary a footway situate within the parish of Pertenhall, and described in the said order as follows, "one footway of the length of 407 yards or thereabouts, commencing at a stile at or near the north-west corner of a field belonging to Peter Augustus Lautour, Esq., called Great Bush Close, and passing in a south-east and easterly direction over the said field and ending at a stile near the south-east corner of the same." The said Thomas Hart and also his landlord (the Revd. John Lettice, D.D., of Peasemarsh, in the county of Sussex), and the public are much aggrieved by the proposed stopping up of the said footway (see also No. 74). 101

12th January. The King against the inhabitants of the parish of Standbridge. **Certificate** that part of an ancient highway, situate in the hamlet of Standbridge in the parish of Leighton Bussard, commencing at or from the hamlet of Egginton in the township of Leighton Bussard, and thence continuing to the end of a lane leading to the church or chapel of Standbridge, containing in length about 660 yards, and in breadth about 30 feet, is in sufficient and permanent repair, and so likely to continue from the permanency thereof, and the materials that are now ready to lay thereon when it shall be necessary (see also No. 572). 340

22nd March. **Certificate** that a public bridge situate in the parish of Maulden, leading from the parish of Ampthill to the parish of Flitton, has been repaired. 341

14th July. **Certificate** that part of an ancient highway leading from the village of Everton towards the town of Potton, situate in the parish of Tempsford, containing in length 1386 yards, and in breadth 30 feet; and also a part of another ancient highway leading from the village of Everton towards the town of Potton and situate in the parish of Tempsford aforesaid, and containing in length about 308 yards, and in breadth 30 feet, have been repaired. 343

19th October. **Certificate** that a greater part of a road leading from and out of the village of Standbridge, towards and unto the village of Eaton Bray (which said road has been presented at Quarter Sessions) has been repaired; and that about one third part of the said road, commencing from the end of such repaired part towards Eaton Bray, appears to be in such good condition, that the same does not require any reparation, and that the whole of the said road is in such a state that passengers (horse and foot) may pass and repass with safety. 344

20th October. **Annual certificate** by Thomas Warner, gaoler, respecting Bedford gaol. 353

355 24th July. **Certificate** by Theed Pearse, clerk of the peace, that he has received a declaration by Stephen Dodd, of Woburn, printer, to the effect that he, Stephen Dodd, has a printing press and types, which he proposes to use for printing within the town of Woburn, and which he requires to be entered for that purpose, in pursuance of an act 39 Geo. III. for the more effectual suppression of societies established for seditious and treasonable purposes, and for better preventing treasonable and seditious practices.

357 25th December. A **Certified Return** of the Bedfordshire Regiment of Militia, consisting of 1 colonel (Sir John Osborne, Bart.), 1 lieutenant colonel, 1 major, 4 captains, 6 lieutenants, including paymaster and quartermaster, 4 ensigns, 1 adjutant, 1 surgeon, 1 assistant surgeon, 11 serjeants, 11 corporals, 7 drummers, and 202 rank and file; wanting to complete 115.

358 **Certificate** by 7 persons (named) being resident inhabitants in the parish of Waddesdon in the county of Buckingham, that Samuel Cowell (in gaol at Bedford on a charge of having stolen a hurdle) has been in the respective service of the said inhabitants, as a servant or labourer, and that they always found him to be a trusty, honest and faithful servant, and recommend him to the lenient and favorable consideration of the court and prosecutor.

359 **Oath** Roll.

361 14th July. **Report** by John Millington on Langford Bridge and Stafford Bridge, etc. "I beg leave to report that the only county bridge at present in progress is that at Langford, near Shefford. This bridge was ordered to be rebuilt with an iron arch, and in pursuance of such order, the old bridge has been pulled down, and the new abutments, which have been erected, are in so forward a state, that they will be ready to receive the iron work which is upon the spot in the course of two days, and I have no doubt that the bridge will be reopened to the public before the close of the next week. The pulling down of the old bridge and the masons work has been executed by Mr. Joseph Scrivener in an attentive and workmanlike manner; and he being desirous of receiving some money on account. I beg to certify that he may be paid the sum of £50 on account of such work. I have likewise paid the sums of £7 5s. 0d. to Mr. Castledine, and of £2 18s. 6d. to Mr. Barber for ropes for moving the iron; making altogether the sum of £10 3s. 6d., which, if approved, you will perhaps oblige me by ordering to be paid. I have likewise received a a letter from Richard Brettingham, Esq., on behalf of Mrs. Winstanley, stating her willingness to pay her proportion of the sum of £61 for the repairs of Stafford Bridge at its present width. Such repairs and those of the causeway were agreed to be left until the summer. I now therefore await your directions as to putting them in hand at the present time. The remuneration of Mr. Elmes for the trouble he took in coming to Bedford and revising his estimate, having been referred

to myself, I beg to say that after duly considering the matter, I think 15 guineas will be a liberal allowance for such trouble and expences, this does not however include the making of the estimate, which in my judgment he does not appear entitled to be paid for, but should you in your better judgment think otherwise, and that the said estimate should be paid for, then I think the sum of 25 guineas in the whole will be a fair and reasonable allowance."

15th July. **Report** by John Millington. "I beg to report that I have carefully examined the bills of Messrs. Berrell, Wing and Elger, this day referred to me, and that I find the work charged for by them as done at the county gaol, is done in the best manner and with the best materials. I have measured such of the work as was measurable and find the dimensions correct, but cannot speak as to the day work of Mr. Berrell and Mr. Elger, though the same has been pointed out to me and appears quite correct. I do not find any of the work above alluded to superfluous or unnecessary, except in the instance of the coping to the walls as charged in Mr. Wing's bill, and for this, coping of a cheaper kind, might have been substituted, although that which is adopted is the handsomest." 363

19th October. **Report** ordered to be made upon an appeal from certain rates or assessments made for the relief of the poor of the parish of Leighton Bussard, that it appears upon examination of the same, that the rates or assessments are defective and unequal and that they cannot be amended, and it is recommended that the same be quashed, and that all costs, charges, and expences, be paid by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the township of Leighton Bussard, out of the monies to be raised for the relief of the said parish. 364

20th October. **Report** on the progress of the works in course of execution at the new Penitentiary or House of Correction, now building for the county of Bedford; by James Elms, architect to the said building, and made to the chairman and justices at the Michaelmas Sessions. "I have inspected the progress of the works now proceeding under my superintendence at the new House of Correction from time to time, since my last report at the Midsummer Quarter Sessions, and have only to reiterate my opinion therein expressed as to the faithful manner in which the contractor is executing his works. The weather hitherto has been most favorable to the durability of the works, but the change that has just taken place makes me lament that the stone roofs of the cells are not now in their places, but they are daily expected. The extra works that have been ordered at various times have increased the quantity of work to be done, and consequently the length of time necessary to execute them in. But as much in quality and value has been performed as was engaged to be done in this time, by the contractor, who is fully entitled to another instalment of £500, according to the tenor of his contract. I hope my proceedings will meet the honour of your worships approbation." 365

367 20th October. **Report** by John Millington. "I have the honour to report that all the orders that I have received have been fulfilled, with the exception of Stafford Bridge, and this is nearly finished as far as regards the county part of it, which, together with the arches repairing by His Grace the Duke of Bedford and by Mrs. Winstanley, will be completed in a few weeks. Langford Bridge was finished and opened to the public on the 11th of September last, and the work has been well executed by those to whom it was entrusted. The total expence of building it in iron was estimated in my report of 13th January last at £250, and I have since measured and examined the whole of the work, which I find amounts to £254 8s. 8d. as per account annexed, and which may therefore be ordered to be paid. Of this sum £4 14s. 6d. is for the repairs of a road arch belonging to Henlow Parish, which, although in a bad state, was useful in carrying away the water while the bridge was building, and the use of it was obtained upon condition that the county should bear half the expence of repairing it, which has since been done for £9 9s. 0d. I have likewise measured the oak guard railing at Hollington Bridge, as put up by Mr. Saml. Burrows, of Clophill, and the quantity is 64½ cube feet, which was agreed to be done for 6s. 3d. per foot, and the painting, pitching, putting down, etc., comes to £4 6s. 0d., so that the total sum of £24 9s. 2d. may be ordered to be paid to Mr. Burrows, as well as £5 to Mr. Wouvermans, the surveyor of Mauldon, for gravel and materials laid on the arch after it was finished" (see also No. 361).

368 **Account** referred to in the above report.

370 Michaelmas Sessions. **Report** of the chaplain of the Gaol and House of Correction (G. H. Bowers) to the justices at Quarter Sessions. "I have great satisfaction in being able to state to your worshipful bench, that the regulations which you were pleased to order relative to the management of the county prisons, have been introduced into them, and acted upon during the last quarter, and that there is a fair prospect of very beneficial consequences resulting from them. The actual reformation of the offenders may be hoped for; and from the constant employment and separation which is now observed, the confinement is, we trust, rendered such as will not only deter themselves, but the companions to whom they return from being committed to what is now really a House of Correction, restraint and discipline, and where there is a promiscuous association of the prisoners, little real benefit can be expected to arise from exhortation and advice. A system of classification therefore has been adopted by which the obstinate and old offenders have been separated from the better disposed; but it is to be feared, from the probability of an increased number of prisoners, that the limits of the prison will not admit all the benefits of this system of classification during the ensuing winter season. A school has been established in the chapel of the gaol, which I feel great pleasure in observing has certainly been productive of much good. The conduct of all who have attended it has been orderly and highly becoming, and the progress that has been made in reading and repeating lessons has exceeded my expectations. The attendance at school is not compulsory, but is granted as an indulgence after the

prisoner's labour at the mill is ended, and as a reward for good behaviour in the yards and day rooms. The greater part of the prisoners, particularly those who are confined under sentences of long imprisonments, have been found desirous to be instructed, whilst others have objected on account of age and ignorance, though I much fear that the true cause of their refusal is a love of idleness. The master of the school, I have the happiness to observe, is well qualified for the situation which he fills. His mildness of manner and steadiness and regularity of conduct deserve commendation. It is humbly submitted to your consideration, whether the morning only during the short days of the winter season may be thought sufficient for the employment of the better disposed at the mill, and whether to such men an indulgence to attend the school in the evening may not be granted. I also beg leave to state that the conduct of the prisoners generally, has been, during the whole of the last quarter, orderly, peaceable and submissive; and that their attendance at divine worship has been regular and becoming."

Epiphany Sessions. **Account** for £18 13s. 4d. for repairing Cardington Bridge, by order of the Honble. Willm. Waldegrave. 384

9th January. **Several accounts** for repairs to Great Barford Bridge. 399—403

January. **Account** for £146 4s. 1d. as above for work extra from contract. 406

14th July. **Account** for £220 3s. 10½d. for mason's work and materials at the county gaol. 444

14th July. **Account** for £35 for removing certain convicts (named) from Bedford to London, and from thence on board the hulks at Woolwich, at £5 each. 454

15th July. **Account** for £194 19s. 9d. for making an additional length of 242 yards to the common sewer leading from the county gaol. 461

Account of John Millington for £125 10s. 0d. for surveying and inspecting certain bridges (named) from October sessions, 1818—same sessions, 1819. 489

4th December. **Petition** of 13 prisoners (named) in Bedford gaol, praying that they may be allowed more provisions, as their allowance is not sufficient to enable them to do their work, also praying that their friends may be allowed to assist them, as some of them have been in for a long time and they find themselves becoming very weak. 506

Petition of the vicar (E. B. Frere), churchwardens, overseers and inhabitants of the parish of Biggleswade on behalf of William Studman, a prisoner, under sentence of transportation for 14 years, and praying that, in consideration of his age, infirmity, and former good character, a mitigation of his sentence may be granted. 507

511 10th March. **Presentment** that upon inspection of the county gaol, it appears to be well regulated, but that high sub-division walls are necessary in the different court yards of the prison, more effectually to separate the respective classes of prisoners, and in particular the males and females; and that some better accommodation is desirable for the witnesses while waiting to be called and examined on the various indictments.

516 1st April. **Presentment** that there is an ancient highway leading from the village of Thurleigh towards the market town of St. Neots, in the county of Huntingdon, and that a certain part of the said highway, called the Keysoe Row or Little Staughton Road situate in the parish of Keysoe, and beginning at a certain tenement in the several occupations of John Wells and Edward Shelford, and so continued towards the market town of St. Neots, for the length of 3430 yards, and of the breadth of 30 feet, is very ruinous, miry, deep, broken, and in great decay, thus causing great danger to the lives of passengers, both horse and foot, and also the loss of their goods.

CALENDAR.

1820.

37 A **calendar** of the names of the coroners, bailiffs, and constables of hundreds within the county of Bedford.

42 Easter Sessions. **Gaol Calendar.** George Lewis and Michael Wright, convicted of uttering a forged note, remain under reprieve from sentence of death.

51 Michaelmas Sessions. **Gaol Calendar.** William Garner, a private of the Bedfordshire Militia, committed by Sir John Osborne, Bart., Colonel in command. To be imprisoned for six calendar months, under sentence of court martial.

59 18th October. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that the yearly rent of £188 18s. 0d. mentioned in an award made by virtue of the "Sandy enclosure act" 38 Geo. III., and payable to the rector of Sandy and his successors, in manner therein set forth, shall be increased in proportion to the average price of 10s. 3¾d. per bushel of wheat, and that the sum of £334 4s. 8½d. is the exact amount to which the said yearly rent shall be so increased (see also No. 339 and 529).

66 12th April. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that the usual sums shall be paid for the hire of carriages employed in the conveyance of troops in addition to the customary rates of 1s., 9d. and 6d. per mile.

Easter Sessions. **Printed statement** (2 copies) that the court resolves, that, for the sake of distinction, that part of the gaol which is set apart as a House of Correction, shall be called the old House of Correction, and the new building, which by the report of the visiting justices is completed and furnished for the reception of prisoners, shall be called the New House of Correction. 69 and 70

3rd February. **Record** of the conviction of James Giddings, of Eaton Socum, carrier and guard to the coach employed to carry the mails from Glasgow to London, for having, at the parish of Sandy, bought two hares contrary to the statute, which hares the said James Giddings took with him on the mail coach on its way to London. Adjudged to pay a fine of £10. 77

3rd February. **Record** of another conviction of James Giddings, as above, for buying 6 hares and 3 pheasants. Fined £45. 78

7th June. **Order** for stopping up a public footway within the parish of St. Paul, in the town of Bedford, leading in a southwardly direction from the turnpike road at the point where a stile lately stood opposite to or near the western end of a place called Parker's Row in the parish of St. Peter, across and through a certain close in the parish of St. Paul, heretofore belonging to Francis Green, Esq., but lately sold to the justices of the peace, and now comprising the site of the new House of Correction, and appurtenances thereof, to the stile on the south side of the said close near the eastern end of the almshouses there. The said footway being of the length of about 141 yards and of the breadth of about 4 feet. And the land and soil thereof to be sold by the surveyors of the highways of Bedford to the justices of the peace, for the full value thereof. 93

Plan of the foregoing footway proposed to be stopped up. 95

11th January. **Certificate** that a public carriage road and highway in the parish of Sharnbrook (set out by virtue of the Sharnbrook enclosure act, 49 Geo. III.), and of the width of 30 feet, branching out of the Harrold Turnpike Road at Moor Head, in a southward direction by the east side of Tenley's Close, over the Moor Furlongs and Great Meadow to the River Ouze at the ford nearly opposite Felmersham church, and called the Felmersham Road, has been fully repaired. 309

12th January. **Certificate** that Langford Bridge, in the parish of Langford, has been repaired. 310

12th July. **Certificate** that an ancient highway leading from Gamlingay, in the county of Cambridge, unto the town of St. Neots, in the county of Huntingdon, situate in the parish of Everton, and containing in length 2882 yards, and in breadth 30 feet, has been repaired. 311

312 18th October. **Certificate** that an ancient highway situate in the parish of Whipsnade, beginning at the centre of Deadmonsey Wood, and ending at Dagnell Gate, containing in length 2000 yards, has been repaired. See presentment No. 487, in which it states that the inhabitants of Whipsnade ought to repair the said highway.

313 18th October. **Certificate** that a bridge over the River Ouze, called Tempsford Bridge, situate in the parishes of Tempsford and Roxton, and which has been built by the inhabitants of the county of Bedford, in place of the old bridge of that name, is now open for horse and foot passengers.

314 25th December. A **Certified Return** of the Bedfordshire Regiment of Militia, consisting of 1 Colonel (Sir John Osborne, Bart.), 1 Lieutenant Colonel, 1 Major, 4 Captains, 6 Lieutenants, including Quarter Master and Paymaster, 4 Ensigns, 1 Adjutant, 1 Surgeon, 1 Assistant Surgeon, 11 Serjeants, 11 Corporals and Drummers, and 273 Rank and File. Wanting to complete, 44.

322 18th October. A certified yearly **Return** by Thomas Warner, gaoler, respecting Bedford gaol.

330 **Oath** Roll.

334 Epiphany Sessions. **Report** of the chaplain of the Gaol and House of Correction, stating the conduct of the prisoners has been generally satisfactory, but that the crowded state of all the day rooms has rendered a proper classification very difficult, and expressing a hope that the "diposition" that has been made will not be attended with any serious consequences.

335 12th April. **Report** by Thomas Elger, stating that Stafford Bridge has sustained considerable damage by the late flood, and that the ice drawn against it with great violence, has forced out several stones in most of the arches. *Endorsed*, that the bridge is ordered to be repaired under the direction of Mr. Millington.

336 Easter Sessions. **Report** of James Elmes, architect on the completion of the works of the new House of Correction. "I have the honour of reporting that the sundry works, etc., in building the new county penitentiary or House of Correction which have been carried on under my superintendence, are now finished (all but painting the divisional partitions of the chapel), according to the original designs approved of, together with the subsequent additions and alterations made by order of the bench. I came here yesterday in expectation of being enabled to render an account of the amount of such extra works, but the bills from the various tradesmen employed under the contractor not being all delivered in, or in a state for my examination, I am compelled to postpone this portion of my report until next Sessions, when I will attend sufficiently beforehand to measure, investigate and value them.

Excepting this, I now report the completion of the building and of my task, with hopes of having met your approbation, and that the building, work yards, etc., equal the expectations formed upon the plan. The whole of the works, I find great satisfaction in stating, are executed with pricision as regards the designs, with excellent materials and the soundest workmanship, and in every respect conformably with the contract. The contractor is therefore entitled to a further installment of £500, according to the terms of his contract and to his entire balance at such times as therein agreed."

18th October. **Report** of John Millington, of 6, Leigh Street, Brunswick Square. "I have the honour to report to you that I have examined the bills of Mr. Elmes, as architect, and of Mr. Elger, as builder of the new penitentiary, for work done over and above the contract, and although the extra charges amount to the very large sum of £1401 0s. 9¾d., yet, when examined, they seem to me quite correct and satisfactory, as will I trust appear from the following abstract, which I have made of them." 340

"In the first place the contract did not include the inclosure of the large back court or garden by a wall, which has been executed in height equal to the rest of the boundary wall, the brickwork and masons work, of which from its great quantity, and the extra rusticated stone cornice and ornaments in front of the building, amount to £882 8s. 10d.

"Carpenter's work not contemplated or included in the original contract, some part of which ought to be considered as furniture, instead of appertaining to the building, and comprising the strong door and door case in the boundary. The additional roof and flooring caused by augmenting the size of the chapel. The false floor in same, to raise the seats, the seats and partitions or pews in same, the reading desk, sundry cupboards, shelves, dressers, ironing board, the tables and seats in all the day rooms and yards, the screens before privies, making coal boxes and wheel barrows for use of the prisoners, washing stools, firing for drying the cells, fixing additional bolts to all the cell doors and sundry jobs, amount to £234 13s. 6d.

"The amount of charges for extra ironmongery being chiefly furniture, vizt., a kitchen range, 5 grates and fenders in the day rooms, the oven door, &c., 4 parlour stoves, 38 patent padlocks for cells, 68 new extra strong bolts with staples for cell doors, hanging the bells, etc., amounts to £85 9s. 6d.

"Additional slater's and plasterer's work caused by extending the size of the chapel and the glazing of 5 windows in the same instead of three as originally intended amount to £23 5s. 6d.

"Extra plumber's work and painting in fixing an additional pump in the governor's kitchen, altering the situation of two pumps in the yards, and additional lead pipe for the same, additional lead on ridges caused by extending chapel, extra painting on same account, painting doors in boundary wall, together with the barrows and coal boxes, putting letters on same, etc., £46 6s. 9¾d.

"Total sum (with interest on orders, £1 19s. 9d.)——£1403 0s. 6¾d. ——which with——£2619 8s. 10d., the amount of the original contract, makes £4022 9s. 4¾d."

357 **Account** for repairing Stafford Bridge, as follows :—To painting both sides of the bridge, being 417 yards long, and under the arches, and making good the stonework, £100 ; new stone for repairing the coping, gravel, shifting the earth to alter the approach to the bridge, and putting up guard rails, £32 10s. 3d. ; repairing the damage done to the bridge by flood, new pointing and lime whiting, and making good rims of arches with new stone, and replacing the guard rails previously washed away, £69 19s. 9d.

375 Easter Sessions. **Account** of John Wings for £75 for making plans, etc., for an intended penitentiary for the county of Bedford.

420 **Account** of James Elmes for making designs, specifications and estimates, and superintending works, reporting, etc., for a new county house of correction, from January 17th, 1819—July 13th, 1820. The amount is £4020 9s. 7¾d. at 5 per cent., £201 (with interest on orders charged in bill @ £1 19s. 9d. brings the total to same as No. 340. See also No. 423).

428 12th July. **Account** of John Wing for £50 5s. 3¼d. for scaffolding, taking down, rebuilding and raising the chimney shafts at the sessions house, and contracting the opening of chimnies, etc.

449 **Account** of John Millington for £47 5s. 6d. from Oct. 19th, 1819—Oct. 20th, 1820, for attending at Langford Bridge, Stafford Bridge, etc., and at Bedford, respecting the charges and measurement at the new House of Correction.

457 **Petition** of the inhabitants and occupiers of lands in the parish of Luton, as follows, "That we feel ourselves, in common with all other occupiers of land in the county of Bedford, excessively aggrieved by the enormous county rates that have been levied within the last three years; as upon inspection of the receipts and disbursements which have been printed it appears that the sum of £8274 has been raised, and £10,318 expended for public purposes during the last year, our proportion of which has amounted to the sum of £493 18s. 0d., and in addition we have been put to a considerable expence in erecting a Bridewell, which we humbly conceive ought to have been defrayed out of the county rates. And taking into consideration the great depression of all agricultural concerns, the taxes payable to government and the rates for the relief of the poor, which we are fearful we shall not be able long to sustain ; we trust and hope that measures will be directly adopted by the magistrates so as not to impose any further burthen on the county, being fully convinced that if the present rates should be continued, we shall in the present exigency of times be quite unable to meet them."

9th March. **Presentment** that on inspection of the prison it is found to be well regulated, and that very beneficial effects are produced by the sub-division walls, which separate the different classes of prisoners, and also that at the last Lent assizes it was suggested that more convenient accommodation was required for witnesses while waiting to give evidence on the respective bills of indictments, and the said inconvenience still remaining, it appears to require the attention of the magistrates. 460

11th July. **Presentment** that part of an ancient highway leading from the town of Leighton Buzzard to the town of Hemel Hempsted, situate within the hamlet of Billington in the township of Leighton Buzzard, and extending from a bridge called the Collect to Northall Bridge, containing in length 3195 yards, and in breadth 30 feet, is in great decay, for want of a proper reparation, and that the inhabitants of Billington ought to repair the same. 475

12th July and 18th October. **Declarations** by John Hull, clerk, rector of Spudon, William Bruton Wroth, clerk, rector of Totternhoe, James Beard, clerk, rector of Cranfield, George Owsley Fenwick, clerk, vicar of Kempston, and Edward Orlebar Smith, clerk, rector of the united parishes of Holcutt and Salford, that they have estates qualifying them to act as justices of the peace. 511—515

12th April. **Letter** from C. Short, surgeon, to W. Wilshire, Esq., chairman of Quarter Sessions. "In compliance with your request, I have visited the penitentiary prison, and having inspected the different departments, am enabled to say that some of the cells in each of them are in a proper state for the reception of prisoners." 519

1st July. **Letter** from Robert Hibbert, Esq., to Theed Pearse, Esq., clerk of the peace for the county of Bedford, appointing Richard Partridge, of Leegrave, in the parish of Luton, to be high constable for the southern divisions of that hundred, in the place of his brother, John Partridge. 520

Easter Sessions. **Recommendation** "that offenders against the game laws, committed for periods not exceeding four months, servants in husbandry and other labourers, for misbehaviour in their employments, persons committed for light offences or for want of sureties (with the exception, in all cases, of prisoners of notoriously bad character) be committed to the new House of Correction." 526

14th March, 1800. **Extracts** from the enrollment of the Eaton-Socum Inclosure Award. 527

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A **calendar** of the names of the coroners, bailiffs, and constables of hundreds in the county of Bedford. 59

61 Epiphany Sessions. **Gaol Calendar.** James Smith, committed for having uttered a counterfeit promissary note of the Bank of England, for payment of £1, knowing the same to be forged, and for having in his possession at Kimpton, in the county of Hertford, four other like counterfeit notes. Remaining under order of transportation for 14 years.

William Grizzle, convicted of having deserted from the Bedfordshire Militia, in which he was a private, when the said regiment was assembled for service. Ordered to hard labour for 6 months, or until he shall have paid the penalty of £20.

85 10th January. The usual **Order** at Quarter Sessions, in pursuance of an act 1, Geo. IV., settling the sums payable for the hire of carriages employed in the conveyance of troops, in addition to the customary rates.

93 2nd May. **Order** at Quarter Sessions for Twydale Dear, of Shitlington, to view the state of a certain part of the highway situate within the hamlet of Billington, in the township of Leighton Buzzard, and extending from a bridge called the Collect to Northall Bridge, containing in length 3195 yards, and in breadth 30 feet; and to report on the probable expence of putting the same in repair.

106 11th July. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that the yearly tithe or corn rent of £205, mentioned in an award, made by virtue of the "Eaton Socum enclosure act" 35, Geo. III., and made payable to the vicar of Eaton Socum and his successors at the times and in manner therein set forth, shall be increased in proportion to the average price of 10s. 3d. per bushel of wheat, and that the sum of £385 0s. 3¾d. is the exact amount of the sum, to which the said yearly rent or sum shall be so increased. (See also No. 425.)

108 11th July. **Order** at Quarter Sessions discharging William Cook from his apprenticeship to Bartholomew Dockrey, of Woughton-on-the-green, in the county of Buckingham, tailor.

111 11th July. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that the yearly tithe or corn rent of £296 10s. 0d. mentioned in an award made by virtue of the "Toddington and Chalton enclosure act" 37, Geo. III., and also set forth in the first schedule annexed, and referred to in the said award, shall be increased to the sum of £552 11s. 4¼d., and that the several annual rents, sums of money or corn rents fixed and charged by the said award, upon such homesteads, gardens, orchards, and ancient enclosures, the respective owners of which had not lands or property in the open and common fields, lands, or grounds, sufficient to exonerate the same from tithes, particularly set forth and declared in the second schedule to the said award annexed, shall be severally increased to the several yearly rents or sums set forth in the first schedule, and that the several annual corn rents set forth in the third schedule shall be severally increased to the several yearly rents set forth in the second schedule.

12th June. **Copy** of an order made at a general meeting of the trustees of the Biggleswade Turnpike Road, that the clerk of the peace be acquainted that Washbrooke Bridge, nearly adjoining Biggleswade Bridge, is in a very dangerous state, and that the trustees hope to learn that the magistrates of the county of Bedford will take the same into their consideration. 130

18th October. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that the magistrates of the county have great pleasure in conveying to the Revd. G. H. Bower, chaplain of the gaol and Houses of Correction, their unanimous thanks for the extraordinary zeal and assiduity with which he has attended to his duties. 131

18th September. **Order** for the diverting and turning of a certain part of a highway within the parish of Flitton-cum-Silsoe, in the hundred of Flitt, lying between Flitton and Greenfield, for the length of about 230 yards, and particularly described in the plan annexed, and stating that a course for a proposed new highway in lieu thereof, through the lands of the vicarage of Flitton, of the length of about 210 yards, and of the breadth of 30 feet, has been viewed. 132

16th September. **Consent** by Annabella Countess De Grey, of Wrest, in the county of Bedford, to the making of a new highway through her lands (she being part owner of those lands) described in an annexed plan, through which part of a highway, lying between Flitton and Greenfield, is intended to be diverted. 133

6th October. **Plan** of the proposed new highway, and consent by the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Christ, of the foundation of King Henry VIII., in the University of Oxford, to the making of a new highway through the rectorial allotments, set out by the Commissioners in pursuance of the "Flitton-cum-Silsoe and Pullox Hill enclosure act" 49, Geo. III. The said Dean being entitled, with the Countess De Grey, to the impropriate rectory of Flitton-cum-Silsoe, they both being patrons in full right of the same. 134

18th September. **Notice** that the order for diverting the above road has been lodged with the clerk of the peace. 135

17th October. **Certified yearly return** by Thomas Warner, gaoler, of the state of Bedford gaol. 417

Easter Sessions. **Report** of the Chaplain of the gaol and Houses of Correction. "During the last quarter, nothing material has occurred to call for any observations from me. The behaviour of the prisoners, with very few exceptions, has been good, and in those few instances where punishment has been resorted to there was nothing in the offence that was at all of an aggravated nature. The convicts now under sentence of transportation (12 for life, 1 for 14 years, and 4 for 7 years) have 423

uniformly behaved themselves well. In the new House of Correction there has been a bad description of characters in confinement, but of these even there has not been much reason to complain. In the day-time they have been constantly under inspection, and in the night they have had no temptation to be troublesome. We have to lament one escape from the prison during the night-time, which arose entirely from the insecurity of the sleeping cell, and cannot be at all imputed to any negligence on the part of the governor. In the new House of Correction the library of religious books and tracts is nearly completed, but cannot yet be said to be in use. The books for the library of the gaol have not yet arrived, but may now, I think, be expected soon.

426 Michaelmas Sessions. **Report** by John Millington, county surveyor, stating that, upon instructions received at the last Easter Sessions, he prepared drawings and an estimate for a stepping-mill, chapel, laundry, two infirmaries, and other necessary appurtenances to the new House of Correction, and which, he reported, might be completed for £1700, and an order was made accordingly. Further improvements and enlargements were then brought to the consideration of the magistrates, by which the estimate was increased to £1890. These additions, which consisted chiefly in an enlargement of the chapel and infirmaries, (rendering their front more uniform) in the construction of cellars under the same, in the enlargement of the drying yard to the laundry, and in the adoption of a loft 36 feet long for stowing corn and flour over the tread wheels, this being considered too important to be neglected, the amended designs were adopted and ordered to be proceeded upon. Mr. John Penn, millwright of Greenwich, offering to furnish and put up the mill work for £630, and Mr. Thomas Elger, of Bedford, builder, having agreed to do the whole of the building according to plans for £1260, the work was commenced by them on the 1st and 3rd of September. By Mr. Penn's contract he engages to find and fix the whole of the mill work and machinery with three tread wheels for working two pairs of 3 : 4 French millstones, a flour dressing machine, a pair of malt rollers, and tackle for hoisting sacks, the whole to be completed on or before the 31st December next, and upon inspection of his proceedings at Greenwich the articles to be supplied are in so forward a state, that their dispatch has been promised in 14 days' time. The items from Mr. Elger's contract being as follows. "A building for the mill and tread mills, containing not only the mill and its appurtenances, but likewise an extensive loft for corn and flour, two prison store rooms, a dwelling room for a turnkey, two refractory cells, two privies, and a fenced yard or airing ground, with pumps, etc., £650.

A new chapel on enlarged plan, a male and female infirmary under same, and two spacious cellars with staircases, and a fenced yard, £402 10s. A new laundry furnished with a copper ironing stove, ironing board, soft water tank, pump, stone, sink, etc., and an enclosed yard for drying clothes, and the womens' infirmary £135 19s. 9d.

Removing the wall between the wards Nos. 1 and 2, and building 5 additional new cells, making a receiving and bath room, altering the present committee room into an office, and the present chapel into a bedchamber, and sundry minor alterations about the premises, £71 10s. 3d.

The report further shows that a great saving has accrued to the county, from the whole of the foundation and drain digging, etc., having been done by the prisoners. The said surveyor further states that Tempsford Bridge is in course of repair and will soon be completed, and upon examination of Wash-Brook Bridge at Biggleswade which is of timber, he finds it to be in a very decayed condition, thus rendering its substantial repair impossible, and that the safety of the road may be very much improved and increased by widening the present bridge about 10 feet, which will encroach upon a meadow belonging to ————-Forster, Esq., of Biggleswade, who gives his full consent to the alteration in consideration of an acknowledgement of £5 for the land to be taken from him. The expense of rebuilding the bridge, and putting new posts and rails, painting, etc., in its present form, will not exceed £90, but if widened and altered as proposed, it will amount to £140, including the compensation to Mr. Forster. In consideration of the question arising as to whether the magistrates ought to widen and improve this bridge, without acting in concert with the trustees of the road, the repairs have not yet been put in hand.

10th January. **Account** of George and William Francis, bricklayers, for £27 1s. 2½d. for building a brick wall to the penitentiary back ground, an additional length of 4 poles, 2 feet, 6 inches by agreement, at £4 19s. 0d. per pole, and to building a water cistern and cullering, &c. 455

Easter Sessions. **Bread Return** for £223 2s. 5d. for the county gaol and old and new Houses of Correction. 473

Treasurer's account from Easter sessions, 1820, to Easter sessions, 1821, receipts £9848 11s. 4d., expences £9944 7s. 4d. 483

11th July. **Estimate** for £588 2s. 6d. for repairing a certain road in the hamlet of Billington, in the township of Leighton Buzzard, from Collect Bridge to Northall Bridge, containing in length 3195 yards, being 145 chains, 22 links, and in breadth 30 feet. 500

5th January. **Petition** of the inhabitants and occupiers of land in the parish of Toddington. 538

"We are paying high rents and oppressive taxes, our rates for the poor are more than doubled, and at the same time the produce of the land which we occupy is reduced more than a moiety in value. In addition to these heavy grievances the amount of the county rates is become enormous, and that rate only has cost this parish during the last 21 months, £400 4s. 0d., whereas during the same time immediately preceding, it cost this parish but £174 18s. 0d., hence, it is evident that this tax is more than doubled. We humbly and earnestly beseech the magistrates, to take into their consideration the heavy burthens with which we are loaded and to do their utmost to relieve us, or we must sink under them. The vessel is sinking, add a little more to her

cargo, and she must go down. This is a true statement of our case, and not of our only but of that of the whole county, and we fear that of the British Empire. A cheerful prospect before us, would soften our present sufferings, but we are encircled by a black chilling tempest of taxes, without one star to illuminate the horizon. Respecting the county rates, we see with surprise in the printed statement of last year's account, that the disbursement exceeded the receipt by nearly £1600."

540 2nd May. **Petition** of John Morris, one of the surveyors of highways in the parish of Salford, to the magistrates, requesting them to direct the county surveyor (or to appoint a person) to inspect the building of a bridge in the said parish, in a place called Low Bush, on the road from Salford to Broughton, in the county of Buckingham, so that the said bridge may be hereafter repaired and maintained at the expence of the county, according to an act 43 Geo. III.

541 3rd May. **Petition** of John Webb, of the parish of Marston Moretaine, to have the building of a bridge in the said parish inspected, the said bridge being in a place called Home Lane, leading from Marston to Millbrook, so that it may hereafter be repaired at the expence of the county, according to an act as mentioned in the foregoing petition.

544 11th July. **Petition** of Arnall Thomas Lazeman, M.D., an insolvent debtor, and a prisoner in the county Gaol, praying for a remittance of his sentence on account of ill-health.

546 **Petition** of certain inhabitants of the parish of Caddington, that they feel aggrieved by the enormous county rates that have been levied within the last three years, as upon inspection of the receipts and disbursements it appears that £8724 has been raised, and £10,318 expended for public purposes during the last year, the said inhabitants proportion of which has amounted to £34, and this in addition to the great depression in all agricultural concerns, taxes payable to government and the poor rates, has caused the petitioners to hope that the magistrates will adopt measures so as not to impose any further burden upon them. Signatures.

666 2nd May. **Presentment** that part of an ancient highway, situate in the parish of Barton-in-the-Clay, commencing nearly opposite a public house called "the Bull," and ending at a road leading to the village of Hexton, in the county of Hertford, containing in length about 212 poles, and for various breadths from 30 to 40 feet, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of Barton-in-the-Clay ought to repair the same.

701 & 702 2nd May and 11th July. **Declarations** by Charles Higgins, Esq., of Turvey, and Samuel Charles Whitbread, of Cardington, that, being the owners of lands, etc., they are qualified to act as justices of the peace.

11th September. Bedford. **Letter** from John H. Warden to some justice of the peace whom he addresses as "Revd. Sir." Points out that the extent of crime in the county and the organised bands which perpetrate robbery of almost every description, require an active police force for many reasons, firstly, that a general knowledge may be obtained of loose and desperate characters in this county which can only be obtained by persons whose business it is to search them out, and secondly, that it can only be by practice that the officer becomes acquainted with the artful devices of experienced robbers, and further, the inexperienced constable, who is perhaps new to his office every year, cannot be aware of their manœuvres, in short, he has other objects in view, his business of all things must be attended to, and knowing that his term of service will soon expire, he cannot give it the attention his office and his country require. In the event of an active police being instituted, the officers must have something as a dependance, for no man of business can independently do his duty; for the lower classes in life attack him with every opprobious name, and every endeavour is made by them to injure him in his profession, and thus fearing the injury likely to be sustained he becomes passive, winks at crime, and passes by depredation, not wishing to observe it. As a benefit to the county it is suggested that the county police officer be under the direction of every magistrate, to attend at any place within the county, to assist in discovering any robbery that may have been committed, free of expence to the parish or place where the same may have taken place. 711

16th May. Whitehall. **Notice** in pursuance of an act 53 Geo. III., c. 152, called "an act for granting to His Majesty £20,000 to be applied towards repairing roads between London and Holyhead, etc.," and of an act 1 Geo. IV. "for improving roads between London and Chirk in the county of Denbigh, etc.," that it has been determined to alter and improve a part of the road near Hockliffe. 717

17th October. **Testimony** of the justices of the county of Bedford to the great professional skill of Mr. Millington, both as regards the work itself, and the economy with which it was carried out. 718

CALENDAR.

1822.

26th November. **Notice** by two Justices of the peace to the constables of the hundreds of Barford, Hodden and Willey, that on December 4th they will attend at the house of James Baker, commonly called the Anchor, situate in the parish of Great Barford, in the hundred of Barford, for the purpose of viewing the several public carriage roads within the parish of Great Barford, set out in pursuance of an act of Parliament passed in 41 Geo. III., entitled "An Act for consolidating 10

in one act certain provisions usually inserted in acts of inclosure and for facilitating the mode of proving the several facts usually required on the passing of such acts," And also of an act passed in the 1 Geo. IV., intitled, "An act for inclosing lands in the parish of Great Barford in the County of Bedford," and if on such view the said public carriage roads shall appear to be completed and repaired, they shall certify the same in writing (see also Nos. 628 and 629).

22 15th January. **Consent** of the churchwardens and principal inhabitants of the parish of Clophill, that James Mann of that parish shall be dealt with, with all the severity of the law for not providing for his family.

69 January. A **return** of persons committed for trial upon charges of felony, and misdemeanor, stating their names, crimes, and the result of their commitments.

Similar returns for the months of April, July and October.

86 16th January. **Order** at Quarter Sessions fixing the sums to be paid for the hire of carriages employed in the conveyance of troops in addition to the customary rates of 1s., 9d. and 6d. per mile respectively.

87 16th January. **Order** at Quarter Sessions by two Justices of the peace at a special session held at Flitton in the hundred of Flitt, that they have found that a certain part of a highway within the parish of Flitton-cum-Silsoe in the said hundred, lying between Flitton and Greenfield for the length of 230 yards or thereabouts, and particularly described in the plan hereunto annexed may be diverted and turned so as to make the same more commodious to the public, and having viewed a certain course proposed for the new highway in lieu thereof through the grounds of the vicarage and rectory of Flitton of the length of 210 yards or thereabouts, and of the breadth of 30 feet, described in the plan annexed. And having received evidence of the consent of the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Christ in the university of Oxford, and the Right Honourable Amabell, Baroness Lucas as their lesse, who are entitled to the impropriate rectory or parsonage of Flitton-cum-Silsoe, and of the rectorial tithes thereunto belonging, and the said Dean and Chapter, being also patrons of the vicarage of the same parish to the said new highway being made through the lands herein before described and the same set out by the Commissioners appointed under 49 Geo. III., "for the inclosure of the lands of Flitton-cum-Silsoe and Pulloxhill in the said county," order that the said highway be diverted and turned.

88 **Plan** relating to the above mentioned highway.

89 3rd April. **Order** at Quarter Sessions for the County of Buckingham, on the report of the committee on Northall Bridge, the clerk of the peace for that county do inform the clerk of the peace for the county of

Bedford for the the information of the justices, that it appears that the county of Buckingham is liable to the repair of that part of the bridge situated within the same, and that the said committee be empowered to take measures in concert with the justices of Bedfordshire for rebuilding the bridge, and that they do report the result to the next adjournment (see also No. 101).

17th April. **Order** at Quarter Sessions upon the application of The Reverend John Pridden, vicar of the parish church of Caddington, in the counties of Bedford and Hertford in pursuance of an act 38 Geo. III., entitled "An act for dividing and inclosing the open and common fields, commons and waste lands in the parish of Caddington in the counties of Bedford and Hertford." And upon proof of notice of such intended application in the London Gazette and the Northampton Mercury on the first day of publication in the month of January, did name and appoint William Alexander Peppercorn, of Saint Neots in the County of Huntingdon, and Joseph Tween, of Houghton Regis, to be chosen with a third person, for ascertaining the price of a Winchester bushel of wheat for the last 21 years, and if it is found that the average price is more or less than the price set forth in the award by the value of 2d. the yearly corn rent is to be increased or diminished in proportion. 103

17th October. **Order** by the Justices that the clerk of the peace do deliver his account for professional business from 1798 together with his reasons for delaying so long in handing them in; that the chairman examine the accounts and compare them with the vouchers; that the clerk of the peace be paid £500 on account of his charges, and that it will be more convenient to the county to pay the balance by instalments to arise from the half yearly receipts on account of Tempsford Bridge. 124

17th October. **Ordered** that according to the report of Mr. Millington, two tread wheels, of sufficient dimensions to employ 24 men, be supplied to the county Gaol, the cost of which will amount to £250. If there is sufficient space, the justices recommend that the tread wheels be made of sufficient length to admit of the employment of a greater number of men, and that a wash house be made in the women's ward, according to a plan produced by Mr. Millington. 125

18th February. **Order** by two Justices of the peace that having upon view, found, that a certain footway within the parish of Luton, passing through a close of pasture ground of William Townrow, from a lane at the north corner of the said close along the north east side of the said close into the highway leading from Luton to Market Street at the east corner of the said close for the length of 158 yards or thereabouts, and particularly described in the plan hereunto annexed marked A, is unnecessary, and that it be stopped up. 143

Plan relating to the above mentioned footway. 144

145 18th February. **Notice** by two Justices of the peace, that the order relating to the above mentioned footway will be lodged with the clerk of the peace and be confirmed at the next general Quarter Sessions. This notice was fixed on the church door of Luton parish church and by the side of the footpath for three consecutive Sundays.

397 4th December. **Certificate** that the following public roads and highways in the parish of Great Barford have been repaired, (that is to say) one public carriage road and highway through and over the lands and grounds in the said parish, intended to be divided, allotted and inclosed, of the breadth of 30 feet, except where the same shall pass between old Inclosures, being the Wilden Road, branching out of a turnpike road in the said parish of Great Barford, leading from Bedford and Goldington to Roxton at the north east end of a lane called Herring's Lane, and proceeding in a north westwardly direction between lands called Bolts Leys and Towns End Leys to Green End, and thence to the south end of a lane called Shakers Lane, and thence in a northwardly direction along Wilden Way, in nearly the present track, and over North Fields to the east end of a lane called Turvey's Lane, where it enters a public carriage road in the parish of Wilden. And one other highway of the breadth of 30 feet, branching out of the Town Street at the south corner of a homestead belonging to the trustees of Whitbread's Charity Estate, and proceeding in a north east direction, along an ancient lane and part of an old inclosure belonging to Mrs. Sarah Halsey to Littlefield, in the same direction, over the said Littlefield, till it enters the Goldington and Bedford Turnpike Road, at the north east corner of an allotment to Edward Sutton.

408 25th December. **Certified Return** of the names and numbers of the officers, non-commissioned officers and privates of the Bedfordshire Regiment of Militia, consisting of 1 colonel, 1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 major, 4 captains, 7 lieutenants, 3 ensigns, 1 adjutant, 1 surgeon, 1 paymaster, 1 assistant surgeon and quartermaster, and 344 rank and file. Names of the officers given.

409 25th December. **Certified Return** of the Bedfordshire Regiment of Militia; this is the same as the preceding, with the exception of the rank and file, which amounts to 320 and 6 lieutenants.

410 25th December. **Certified Return** of the Bedfordshire Regiment of Militia; this is the same as No. 408.

411 16th October. **Annual Certificate** of Thomas Warner, gaoler, respecting Bedford Gaol.

412 16th April. **Report** of the committee appointed to enquire into the liability of the county of Buckingham to repair that part of Northall Bridge which is situate in that county.

"That your committee have inspected the bridge called Northall Bridge, situate partly in the hamlet of Northall, in the parish of Edlesborough, in the county of Buckingham, and partly in the hamlet of Billington, in the county of Bedford, and that on such survey and inspection the county surveyor attended."

"That the said bridge is very much out of repair, and it appeared to the said committee from the opinion of the surveyor of Bedfordshire, as well as that of Buckingham, to be advisable that the same should be taken down and rebuilt, and made wider and more commodious."

"That upon the examination of divers witnesses upon the spot, your committee were unable to discover the period of time when the said bridge was built, nor at whose expense the same was built, nor can your said committee discover more than one instance of the said bridge having been repaired, which occurred about twenty-two years ago, when one of the rails being accidently knocked off, the same was replaced, or put up again by a farmer in the neighbourhood, who stated to your committee that he expected to have been repaid the expense thereof by the lords of the manor of Billington and Northall, and that the agent for the lord of the manor of Billington paid his proportion thereof, but the lord of the manor of Northall refused and did not pay his proportion thereof. And under these circumstances your committee cannot discover that any person or persons are bound ratione tenore to repair the said bridge."

"That your committee find that the said bridge is over the Ousel (a stream which divides the counties of Bedford and Buckingham) and is situate upon a public highway leading from Leighton Bussard to Hemel Hempsted, and has always been a public bridge, used freely by all the King's subjects passing on the highway."

8th July. **Report** of Alexander Peppercorn, of St. Neots, Joseph Tween, of Houghton Regis, and Thomas Lilburne, of Cardington, that they have, according to instructions, ascertained that the price of a Winchester bushel of good marketable wheat in the county of Bedford for the last 21 years is 9s. 8½d. 413

17th July. Bedford. **Report** of G. H. Bowers, chaplain of the county gaol, to the justices of the peace, in which he remarks on the good effect of the stepping mill in the new House of Correction, and of the new system of discipline generally, which has been introduced in the last quarter; states that there has been a greater number of prisoners this quarter and last than was ever known before, upon most of whom the new system of discipline has had a most salutary effect, and also that the religious instruction of the prisoners is not allowed to interfere with their work. 414

1st July. A **return** of forfeitures levied by the Justices of the peace in the county of Bedford, acting within the division of the hundred of Manshead, in pursuance of several acts of Parliament made for the 416

more effectual prevention of the use of false and deficient measures, with the names and addresses of the persons convicted and the amount of the forfeiture (see also No. 417).

418 3rd October. A **similar return** for the division of Redbornstoke.

420, 421 and 422 10th October. **Similar returns** for the division of Manshead.

450 7th January. A **statement** of the county rates paid by the parish of Southill for the last twenty years.

451 16th January. **Account** of money due to John Millington, Civil Engineer, for work done in 1821, as regards bridges, gaols, &c., amounting to £149 16s. 0d.

461 15th April. **Estimate** for building a bridge between the hamlet of Billinton, in the parish of Leighton Buzzard, and the parish of Northall, in the county of Buckingham. The bridge to be 16 feet in length, with one arch 12 feet in width in the clear, the arch to rise 4 feet turned 13 inches, the heads 3 bricks thick, the side walls to be 4 bricks thick and 3 feet high to the springing, the wing wall to be 7 feet in length 3 bricks thick and 8 feet high, capt down guarded, land tied and completed in a workmanlike manner, as the plan for the sum of £140. Drawing of the proposed bridge.

557 **Petition** of Thomas Warner, keeper of Bedford Gaol, that he may be allowed to keep possession of a small close of "sweard" land containing about 2 acres, the property of Francis Green, Esq., situate in the parish of Saint Paul, for the use of his wife.

570 2nd April. **Presentment** that a certain common bridge situate in the parish of Clifton in the King's common highway, leading from the village of Clifton, in the said parish of Clifton, to the village of Stanford, and across and over a certain watercourse for conveying and draining the water from and out of certain lands in the said parish of Clifton, in the occupation of the Honorable Samuel Ongley, into and over certain other lands in the said parish of Clifton in the occupation of George Field, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of the county of Bedford ought to repair it.

620 **Order** that the visiting magistrates be empowered to engage a journeyman miller, to be employed under the control of the Governor of the new House of Correction, and that they have authority to purchase corn to be ground and dressed for making bread for the supply of the prisons and asylums, and also to grind corn for private individuals at a fixed rate and to adopt any other measure that may appear to be expedient for the employment of the new machinery.

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11th May. **Information** taken before George Fenwick, clerk of the peace, that William Maynard and George Thorogood, of Elston, did obstruct Skevington Eyles and George Saville in the execution of their duty as constables. 10

26th December. **Declaration** by William Franklin, of Ampthill, printer, that he has a printing press and types for printing, which he proposes to use in Ampthill, and which he requires to be registered in pursuance of the act 39th Geo. III. 13

January. A **return** of persons committed for trial upon charges of felony and misdemeanor, stating their names, crimes, and the result of commitments. Similar returns for the months of April, July and October. 47

A **return** of the number of persons committed to Bedford Gaol for the whole year. 51

Epiphany Sessions. **Order** that the allowance to constables for conveying prisoners to gaol from the residence of the committing magistrate, be reduced to the rate of 1s. per mile for one prisoner; 1s. 6d. per mile for two prisoners, and 2s. per mile for three or more prisoners. No extra allowance to be made to constables by any magistrate acting out of sessions for the apprehension, conveyance or committal of any prisoner; but any extraordinary case may be submitted to the justices at the next General Quarter Sessions. This order to be communicated by the clerk of the peace to each acting magistrate, and to the treasurer of the county by a printed circular letter. 52

28th January. John Clayton, of Cople, miller, convicted before John Higgins and Thomas Charles Higgins, justices of the peace, acting for the hundreds of Barford, Stodden and Willey, and fined 6d. for neglecting to make returns to George Allen, of Harrold, of the precise quantity of wheat and wheaten flour respectively fit for making wheaten and household bread, which should have been bought and sold by him within seven days preceding in each week, and the names and residences of the persons of whom bought and to whom sold. 53

28th January. **Conviction** of William Gee and Joseph Harrold, the younger, both of Olney, in the county of Buckingham, for a similar offence, for which they were fined £1 each. 54 & 55

1st April. **Conviction** of Frederick and Joseph Bunyan before two justices of the peace, on the complaint of Leonard Hampson, for having wilfully lopped, defaced, and damaged a timber tree, growing on the waste at the parish of Caddington, without the consent of the owner or person entrusted with the care of the same. 57

58 1st April. **Conviction** of John and Joseph Sear for a similar offence at the same place.

59 17th June. **Statement** before Philip Hunt, justice of the peace, that Thomas Bird, husbandman of Muggerhanger in the parish of Blunham, did assault and resist Joseph Lea, collector of the tolls in the parish of Clapham, on the turnpike road, leading from Higham Ferrars, in the County of Northampton, to Bedford, and that he did pass through the toll-gate with a horse and gig or "taxed cart" without paying the lawful toll, he is therefore ordered to pay a fine of £5.

60 & 61 22nd September. **Conviction** of James Poney and Thomas Faunch for entering a wood belonging to James Henry Leigh in the hamlet of Heath and Reach, for the purpose of damaging and cutting a quantity of underwood without the owners consent. Ordered to pay a fine of £1 and 10s. costs.

73 9th April. **Appeal** entered by John Emery, Henry Tingey and John Ashwell against the Accounts of the overseers of the parish of Tempsford for the last year, and against the allowance of the same Accounts by the justices. Ordered to be respited. See also No. 75.

83 4th July. **Order** at Quarter Sessions upon the application of the Reverend George Cardale, vicar of Flitwick, in pursuance of an act 46 Geo. III., intitled "An Act for inclosing lands in the parish of Flitwick in the county of Bedford." And upon proof of the notice of such intended application having been given by writing affixed on the principal outer door of the parish church of Flitwick for two Sundays preceding, did appoint Charles Austin and Thomas Gostelow, of Ampthill, to be chosen with a third person for ascertaining by means of the London Gazette, as long as the price is published—the average price of a Winchester bushel of good marketable wheat for the last 15 years. And if it is found that the average price thereof is more or less than the average price set forth in the award of the commissioners by the value of 3d., the yearly tithe rent payable by virtue of the said act is to be increased or diminished in proportion.

84 **Schedule** relating to the above order, giving names of owners and occupiers.

87 4th July. **Order** at Quarter Sessions upon a similar application of the Reverend Henry Hartopp Knapp, rector of the parish church of Ampthill, for the appointment of Joseph Tween, of Hampton Regis, and Charles Austin, of Ampthill, as arbitrators.

88 **Schedule** relating to the above order, giving names of owners and occupiers.

16th July. **Unfinished Order** at Quarter Sessions upon a similar application of the Reverend William Pierce Nethersole, rector of the parish of Clophill, in pursuance of an Act 48 Geo. III., entitled "An Act for inclosing lands in the parish of Clophill in the county of Bedford." 90

Schedule relating to the above order, giving names of owners and occupiers. 91

12th November. **Order** by Francis Pym and Stephen Thornton, justices of the peace for the division of the hundreds of Biggleswade, Wixamtree and Clifton, that, having viewed the foot path in the parish of Old Warden of the width of 3 feet and of the length of 111 poles, running through several inclosures called Lower Rye Close, Middle Rye Close, and Upper Rye Close, mentioned and described in the plan hereunto annexed, and thereon marked in red ink, they find the same to be unnecessary and useless to the public, and order that it be stopped up, and that the land and soil thereof be sold by the surveyor of the parish of Old Warden to the Reverend Frederick Neve, whose lands adjoin thereto, if he shall be willing to purchase the same for the full value, if not, to some other person. 108

Plan of the above mentioned footway. 109

12th November. **Notice** as to lodging the above order with the clerk of the peace and affixing it to the church door at Warden, and at the ends of the footway. 110

1st April. **Information** by two justices of the peace and one of the surveyors of the highways for the hamlet of Limbury-cum-Biscoff, that there was a certain common highway leading from the turnpike road between Luton and Bedford, at a place called Dray's Ditches, to a place called Great Bramingham, and that there was a certain part of the said highway; that is to say, so much thereof as lies between a certain place marked A on the annexed plan, and a certain place marked B on the said plan, being in length 191 poles—one side of which highway adjoining to the hamlet of Limbury-cum-Biscoff lies within the said hamlet of Limbury-cum-Biscoff, and was to be, and ought to be repaired by the said hamlet, and that the other side of the same part of the said highway adjoining to the parish of Streatly, lies within the parish of Streatly, and ought to be repaired by that parish, and stating that the repair of such part of the said highway was very inconvenient to the parishes aforesaid, and the want thereof detrimental to the public; and therefore praying that the repair of the said highway might be allotted and apportioned to the said hamlet of Limbury-cum-Biscoff and parish of Streatly, in the manner directed by the Act 34 Geo. III., entitled "An Act for the more effectually repairing of such parts of the highways of this kingdom as are to be repaired by two parishes." The justices therefore order that the said highway shall be divided in the following manner, that is to say, that 111

at the distance of 95½ poles measuring from the place marked A in the plan hereunto annexed, there shall be erected certain posts or stones marked C on the said plan, on each side of the said highway, and the whole of the said highway from the place marked A to such posts or stones shall be repaired by the hamlet of Limberry-cum-Biscoff; and the whole of the said highway from such posts or stones to the placed marked B on the said plan shall be repaired by the parish of Streatly.

112 **Plan** relating to the above mentioned order.

441 16th July. **Certificate** of two justices of the peace, that a certain part of the common and ancient king's highway, situated in the hamlet of Billington, in the parish of Leighton Buzzard, commencing at a bridge called the Collect to a bridge called Northall Bridge, 3195 yards long and 30 feet wide, or thereabouts, has been repaired.

448 15th January. **Report** of G. Bowers, chaplain of the gaol and houses of correction, in which he praises the behaviour of the prisoners; states that the labour at the treadmill has been "unremitted," yet without detriment to the health of the prisoners; those on the sick list not ascribing their illness to work; and that the attendance at Divine Service, and the progress of learning, has in most cases been very satisfactory.

450 15th July. **Report** by Joseph Tween, of Houghton Regis, and Charles Austin, of Ampthill, that they have, according to instructions, ascertained the price of a Winchester bushel of good marketable wheat in the county of Bedford for the last 15 years to be 9s. 11¼d.

451 15th July. **Similar report** by Charles Austin and Thomas Gostelow.

454 14th January. **Account** of Thomas Elger for 17s. 6d. for work done at the new House of Correction.

456 15th January. **Account** of Thomas Small for £1 12s. 11d. for work done at the new House of Correction.

467 15th January. **Account** of William Walker for £30 for building an arch "across" the turnpike road between Stamford and Clifton, near Clay Bridge.

468 15th January. **Account** of Thomas Elger for £21 12s. 11¾d. for alterations and repairs done at the county Hall.

471 15th January. **Account** of Thomas Small, for £70 4s. 1d., for work done at the new House of Correction.

15th January. **Account** of Richard Ambrose Reddall, coroner of the Honor of Ampthill, for £17 14s., giving names of persons on whom inquests had been held. 473

15th January. **Account** of Thomas Elger, for £3 15s., for work done at the County Gaol. 476

15th January. **Account** of John Millington, for £153 6s., for work done; amongst the items are the following:— 477

1st January. Writing a letter to Mr. Pearse on the subject of the progress of the mill-work in the new House of Correction, in answer to the information from him, that the building was not high enough to contain the millwork, &c., and upon Tempsford Bridge arbitration, &c.....7s.

3rd January. Writing a letter to Mr. Elger containing two sketches for a dormer and manner of raising the roof of the mill so as to make room for the machinery, &c. .....10s. 6d.

4th January. Having heard from Mr. Pearse that the dressing machine was about to be let half way through the floor in the middle of the mill, &c. .....5s.

16th—20th January. Attending at Bedford to inspect the mill, which was started for the first time to grind meal, also to settle about fixing the flour machine. Making estimates for ordering iron screen in the Chapel, attending the fixing of the flour mill and taking dimensions and making drawings for patterns for additional work to be furnished by Mr. Penn to obviate the errors. Directing the fixing of the malt rollers and measuring Mr. Elger's work, and attending Mr. Pearse to consult on the evidence, &c., respecting the Tempsford Bridge arbitration .....£12 12s.

9th April. Attending Mr. Solomon Burr, of Luton, who called on me respecting a bridge which the inhabitants of Luton were desirous of having built, &c.....7s. 6d.

13th—18th April. Attending Mr. Burr, at Luton, and inspecting the place where the bridge was required, lying between the East and West Hydes; examined the mill at the new House of Correction and found it complete. Conferring on the alteration of Washbrook Bridge, respecting which I was to apply to the road trustees and with Mr. Wroth, about a bridge which he presented, but which was negatived, &c. .....£12 12s.

23rd April. Writing letter and copy to Mr. Wells, of St. Neots, inclosing a plan and estimate for widening the Washbrook Bridge, at Biggleswade, and requesting he would lay it before the next meeting of the road trustees, to ascertain if they would co-operate and bear the expence of £50... ..... 10s. 6d.

5th June. Attending arbitration at Baptist's Head Coffee House, Aldermanbury, with Mr. Pearse and Mr. Mackie.....£1 15s.

7th June. Attending at Alice's Coffee House, Westminster Hall. ...7s. 6d.

17th—20th July. Attended Sessions and received final instructions for rebuilding Biggleswade Washbrook Bridge at the extended width, the road trustees having consented to pay their £50, &c. .....£9 9s.

13th August. Heard from Mr. Edwards that he had begun Washbrook Bridge on Monday last, but had met with great difficulties on account of the great depth of the hole which the water had made, and stating his inability to clear the water and proceed with the work. Mr. Forster, Mr. Astell, and some other gentlemen having stopped the work from a wish that the road should be turned across the field in a straight direction from Biggleswade Bridge, instead of merely cutting off the corner, the expence of which undertaking being found to be too great, it was abandoned, and I was ordered to proceed as originally intended, &c. .....£6 6s.

15th August. Writing to Mr. Astell to inform him that the foundations were begun for erecting a new pump, and inspecting Broom Bridge, &c.....£9 9s.

19th August Attending at Mr. Giles' office to ascertain how far Broom Bridge would be affected by the new navigation cut about to be made from Biggleswade, &c.....£1 1s.

31st August. Heard from Mr. Giles that the Ivel Navigation would not interfere with Broom Bridge, &c. .....3s. 6d.

3rd and 4th September. Attending at Biggleswade to superintend the work at Washbrook Bridge, set out and gave directions about some new fences, and the formation of the new road-way over the bridge, and took the particular dimensions of Broom Bridge, in order to prepare a plan and estimate for rebuilding the same, &c.....£6 6s.

16th September. Making drawings of a plan and elevation for a cast iron bridge for Broom, and estimating the expence of the same, &c...£4 4s.

19th September. Hearing that my plan for the bridge had been adopted, and that it is ordered to be put in hand at once .....£1 11s. 6d.

25th September. Attending Mr. Cottam on the subject of this bridge, when he agrees to furnish all the iron for the same for £135, and to deliver the same in six weeks, &c. .....15s.

16th, 17th and 18th October. Attending at Bedfordshire Sessions upon the subject of introducing a tread mill into the county gaol, taking measurements and preparing rough plans and estimates of the expence of the same, and also a new wash house and laundry, consulting about Broom Bridge and afterwards attending at Biggleswade to inspect the Washbrook Bridge, now completed, and to give directions for pulling down the old one, &c.....£9 9s.

25th October. Consulting with Mr. Penn as to whether it would be better to put up a new mill at the gaol or to alter the old one, &c..... £1 1s.

5th November. Directing Mr. Penn to proceed with the tread wheel, &c. 15s.

18th November. Received a letter from Mr. Pearse, requesting me to come to Bedford to meet the magistrates on the subject of the alterations at the Sessions House, and the new laundry and mill which have been adopted at the gaol, &c. ..... £4 4s.

15th January. **Account** of George and William Francis, for £9 15s. 4½d., for bricklayer's work done at the new House of Correction [at Bedford]. 485

15th January. **Account** of Samuel Harrison, for £2 12s. 7d., for bricklayer's and stone-mason's work done at Bromham Bridge. 491

15th January. **Account** of John Revitt, for £6 8s. 2d., for work done at Biggleswade Bridge: underpinning wing walls and repairing stone wall. 497

9th April. **Account** of Thomas Elger, for £3 10s. 6d., for work done at the County Hall, Bedford. 506

9th April. **Account** of J. Hinde, for £3 9s. 8½d., for work (glazing) done at the County Gaol. 508

9th April. **Accounts** of Thomas Elger, for £2 1s. 8d., £78 11s. 1¾d, £4 7s. 2d., and £64 4s. 2¼d., for work done at the County Gaol and House of Correction. 509—512

16th July. **Account** of Thomas Elger, for £248 4s. 11½d., for sundry alterations and additions made to the new House of Correction at Bedford and in the chapel and "mill" appertaining thereto, no part of which was included in the contract for those buildings. 532

Midsummer Sessions. **Account** of William Hedding, surveyor, for 12s., for stone laid on Washbrook Bridge, near Biggleswade. 543

17th July. **Receipt** of Thomas Pantin, for the sum of £4, for the carriage of tread wheels from Mr. Penn's, at Greenwich. 544

Account of Mr. Edwards for £250 7s. 1d. (of which he had received £170) for Washbrook Bridge at Biggleswade. 451

16th July. **Account** of William Edwards, builder, for £224 16s. 4d. (of which he was paid £170) for rebuilding and widening the Brook Bridge at Biggleswade. 461

16th July. **Account** of William Edwards for £25 0s. 9d. for sundry repairs and renewals of the road side fences on both sides between the Main and Washbrook Bridges at Biggleswade, and at the two extreme 562

ends of the same and for wharfing and piling the washing way at the Stone Bridge. The items include renewal of timber work, piles, spurs, planking to wharf the washing bay, painting the whole three times in oil, &c.

601 14th October. **Account** of Lees Cottam & Co. for £156 4s. 3d. for a cast iron bridge, 15 feet wide and 20 feet span, delivered at Linford.

Note by John Millington.

"This bridge was agreed to be made for £13 pr. ton including the screw bolts and other wrought iron. The making of the patterns from the drawings, and the expence of carriage to Linford wharf. Its weight was 12 ton, 1 cwt., 1 qr., 12 lbs., which I make amount to £156 16s., and a bill has been delivered to me for £21 14s. for the canal carriage from Colebrooke Dale to Linford, but this I have returned to the carriers and referred them to the makers according to the terms of the Agreement.

607a 3rd December. **Receipt** from Mr. Elger for £15 for moving a mound of earth "barrowing" away and banking up the railing at Tempsford Bridge.

670 8th December. **Presentment** that there is a certain bridge across and over a branch of the River Ivel commonly called Clay Bridge, the south part whereof to the middle of the stream of the said river is in the parish of Clifton; and the north part whereof to the middle of the stream is in the parish of Southill; which bridge, leading from the parish of Henlow to the parish of Northill, is in a ruinous state and ought to be repaired.

671 9th April. **Statement** upon oath by Edmund Burke Lewis, clerk, that he is possessed of sufficient estate to qualify him to act as a Justice of the Peace.

675 15th January. **Letter** dated at Bedford from John Millington to the magistrates of the county of Bedford.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The business at present in my hands consists of the re-building of Broom Bridge with an iron arch as finally settled and ordered on the 19th of September last. The addition of two retiring rooms and separate entrances to the courts at the Sessions House and the erection of a stepping mill and laundry in the County Goal, which though canvassed at the last Sessions was not finally agreed upon till the adjourned Sessions of the 21st November last.

Broom Bridge was put in hand immediately after receiving orders for it, the old bridge being pulled down, and the foundations of the new one got in in the third week in September, and the brick work was finished above the water line on the 23rd of November, but some delay has

taken place in the delivery of the iron arch which was shipped on the 3rd of January last, but is unfortunately frozen in the canal, otherwise it would have been now finished. No time shall, however, be lost in making it passable, and the work having been done by Mr. Joseph Scrivener, of Sharnbrook, in a good and substantial manner, I beg to certify that he may be paid the sum of one hundred pounds on account of the same.

The Washbrook Bridge at Biggleswade being also finished by Mr. Edwards of that place, I have also to certify that he may receive £120 on account of such work, £50 of which may now be demanded of the Trustees of the High North Road at Biggleswade.

The mill wheels and stepping wheel for the County Gaol were ordered of Messrs. Penn, of Greenwich, early in October, and the whole will be ready for sending to Bedford within three weeks.

The drawings for the said mill and laundry, together with the additions to the courts, are herewith respectfully submitted to the consideration of the magistrates, but the present inclement season would render it improper, if not impossible, to proceed with the work at this time.

30th July. **Letter** dated at 6, Leigh Street, Burton, Ct. from John Millington, county surveyor, to Theed Pearse, Esq., relating to the work done at Tempsford Bridge. 680

The work consists in putting in a strong oak post against the center of each of the land arches so as to prevent carts from passing through them in future, and in applying four times 12 feet of oak planking or wharfing to the four banks of the river where it comes into contact with the main bridge as at A, A, A, A in the annexed sketch.

Mr. Newman, however, gave in an estimate of further work which he said was requisite to be done to insure the safety of the bridge, and which, I think, amounted to about £80 more, and this additional work he told me consisted in carrying the four sheets of warfing A, A, A, A, to a much greater distance up and down the river, as well as in repairing the new railing between b and c, which has given way and is certainly in a dangerous state ; he mentioned likewise the necessity of repairing some of the arches under the flood bridge on the Roxton side and removing the remainder of the old road which has been improperly left : both which last operations were not included in his said estimate.

I have carefully looked into the whole of these matters, and the following is the result of my investigation. 1st, I see no necessity for lengthening the four sheets of warfing at A, A, A, A, but I find that owing to their being quite straight and parallel in their whole course to the run of the stream, that the water is getting behind them and will shortly undermine and destroy them, particularly in the two upstream points d, d, where large holes are already worn, and I therefore recommend that the four ends of this warfing should be returned in an angular direction for a few feet into the land as marked in red ink, which will cost about 40s. for each end.

A considerable length of the fence railing, b and c, will shortly fall down if it is not repaired, this does not arise from any imperfection in the original workmanship, but from the bank of earth at c, in which that railing is placed, having been washed away by floods, and that washing away has evidently been produced by a closely boarded barrier, f f, which is called a jump, and which extends completely across the towing path very nearly opposite to the arch thro' which the towing horses pass, and which is so placed as to throw any water coming thro' the towing arch completely against the bank e. It is likewise materially assisted in its detrimental operation by a high mound of considerable extent at g, which is part of the old road or causeway that has never yet been removed. While these obstacles to the Water exist in their present form it is useless to attempt any permanent repair of the railing at b c, and the jump, which has, I understood, been put up by the parties interested in the navigation, must either be removed entirely, or its place should be supplied by an open rail fence and gate provided, it is necessary as a boundary of land, which, I am informed, it is intended for, altho' at present it has no connection on the land side with any fence whatever. The heap of earth at g is very considerable, but a part of it will be necessary to reinstate the bank e before the railing can be repaired, and I therefore recommend that the whole of it be removed into the situation so as to produce a very gradual slope in the bank, and remove every impediment to the flow of the water, but I do not think this can be accomplished under about £15. The railing itself will only require to be straightened and set upright, with a few more spurs to the posts, but if not done soon will become more expensive. The paving under all the arches of the Tempsford Flood Bridge is in very good repair, but under the Roxton Bridge three of the arches, and two particularly, stand much in need of repair, owing to the deep ruts that have been made by carts passing thro' them to get to the small piece of land marked h, and to which there is no other access than through these arches. The grievance has already been stated to the magistrates, and the posts were most probably ordered by Mr. Lilburne to prevent a recurrence of the evil, and no cart has been thro' the arches since they were put down; I was, however, never able to obtain any satisfactory account of the breaking up of the pavement of these arches, untill the other day when Toller informed me that a Mr. Saunders (William) is the tenant of the small piece of land marked h, as well as the large piece marked on the opposite side of the bridge, and that he rents them both of Squire Metcalf. That after the bridge was finished Saunders dug the deep and wide ditch, k k, for the double purpose of draining his land and separating it from the land l l, belonging to the Reverend Mr. Clarkson, of Barford, and that he carted away the whole of the soil out of that ditch, thro' the arches of Roxton Flood Bridge for the purpose of spreading on the land i. That in this carting the whole of the mischief was done, and that no cart has ever since passed thro' the arches, as Mr. Saunders always feeds down the grass instead of keeping it for hay. Indeed, on looking at the arches, I see it is impossible for any cart to pass with a load that rises above its own height. This will perhaps obviate the necessity of the enquiry. I was some time since requested by the magistrates to make as to whether this small piece of ground could not be purchased by

the county so as to effectually close the passage thro' the bridge, because it seems Mr. Saunders wants no other passage but for his sheep and cattle who can do no harm to the pavement which really ought to be repaired, because the floods of the last winter, by getting into the cart wheel rutts, have torn up much of the brick work, and by meeting with resistance may lead to further mischief perhaps so far as to disturb the piers of the Roxton Bridge in time ; the possibility of which ought to be removed. From the above account you will be the best judge as to whether Mr. Saunders or Squire Metcalf may be liable to the expence of any part of these repairs, which will cost from £15 to £20. I find there is also a considerable portion of the original road left in the Reverend Mr. Clarkson's ground at m, and if a roadway into the piece h is absolutely necessary, and an arrangement could be made with him, it would be very conveniently obtained by converting the hillock m into an inclined plane, and throwing a common field bridge over the ditch at n. A way into the high road might in this way be obtained from the piece h at less than £5 expense, with only the sacrifice of about 2 perches of Mr. Clarkson's land, and in that case there could be no pretext for passing under the Roxton flood arches at all. Will you be kind enough to consider the above points as to the liability of the parties and lay this statement before the Magistrates, and transmit their instructions as to what they wish to be done in the matter before the winter floods come on." A plan of the bridge mentioned in the foregoing letter is enclosed with it.

15th October. **Letter** dated at Bedford from John Millington to the Magistrates, in which he states; that with the end of the present sessions will terminate all the heavy expensive works in which this county has for some time been engaged ; that the portable hand crank mill, which has been erected in the prison for the purpose of affording labor to such prisoners as were incapable of working at the tread mill, answers its purpose perfectly. All the cells have been ceiled with lath and plaster, and supplied with ventilators, by which the dampness on the roof appears to have been entirely removed, and that no more repairs of any sort will be necessary. 684

The new mill and laundry at the County Gaol are now quite finished, the whole of the work is most creditable and the buildings very much improved, and well worth the increased expenditure.

He is not yet prepared to say what will be the cost of the new entrance, &c., to the Sessions House, but will find out as soon as possible ; He recommends the payment of £500 on account of the County Gaol ; and £100 on account of the Sessions House to Mr. Elger, and £150 on account of the mill work to Mr. Penn, if payment should be required.

States also that the commissioners of the Ivel Navigation have consented to the necessary repairs being made at Clay Bridge at Clifton at their own expence, and that he examined the state of Tempsford Bridge, in consequence of an estimate for £80 made by Mr. Newman for the repair of the same, and having found that a few things of a different nature required attention, he has made a report of the same. Broom Bridge, near Biggleswade, was opened to the public early in April last, and the account of £156 14s. 3d. may be paid when convenient.

686 14th October. **Letter** dated at Newport Pagnell from Jno. Keep & Co. to the justices in which they regret the damage done to Broom Bridge during the carriage of the same, but state that it was owing to the brittle nature of the metal, and trust that the threatened reduction of £3 10s. will not be made.

690 **Letter** from C. Short (?), medical officer, asking for an increase of his salary, and stating that in consequence of the new House of Correction being occupied his duties have very much increased.

694 4th April. **Recommendation** by the Justices of the Peace, that John Palmer, of Toddington, in the county of Bedford, be appointed High Constable for the said Hundred, instead of Mr. George Palmer, of Goldington.

695 22nd March. **Notice** by the Reverend Henry Hartopp Knapp, rector of the parish church of Ampthill, that, in pursuance of the Act 46 Geo. III., he intends to apply for two persons named as arbitrators to enquire into the price of a Winchester bushel of wheat from the London Gazette, and if the price of the wheat is more or less than the average price set forth in the award by 3d. or upwards, then the respective yearly tythe rents charged by the said award shall be increased or diminished in proportion.

696 27th March. A **similar notice** by the Reverend George Cardale, vicar of Flitwick. A request is appended that Thomas Gostelow and Charles Austin may be appointed arbitrators.

697 7th April. A **request** by Henry Hartopp Knapp that Charles Austin and Joseph Tween may be appointed arbitrators.

698 9th April. **Request** by several members of the Grand Jury, whose names are affixed, that Thomas Moorcraft, of Leighton Buzzard, who stands fined in the sum of £5 for non-attendance at the Grand Jury, may be excused from paying the same as he is in a bad state of health, and a poor man only earning 2s. 6d. a day.

701 4th June. **Notice** that the inhabitants of Tempsford have elected, according to the Act 39 Geo. III., Robert Denn, Samuel Bennett, John Bird, Thomas Bennett, Charles Pain, Esq., and William Humbley, Esq., to be members of a select vestry for the concerns of the poor of the parish.

702 15th December. **Document** signed by the president and committee of the Union Society held at the Swan Inn, Leighton Buzzard, authorising Theed Pearse, clerk of the peace, to deliver to Richard Saunders, of Leighton Buzzard, tallow chandler, two bonds on the occasion of his resigning the Treasureship of the said society.

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Rules for the treatment and conduct of prisoners under sentence of death, extracted from the act 25 Geo. II., c. 37, secs. 6 & 8. Prisoners accused of murder are to be kept apart from all the other prisoners; no one except the gaoler or his servants shall have access to them except with the judge's permission before whom they were tried; they shall be fed only with bread and water except in the cases of receiving the Sacrament or of sickness; in the latter case they may be visited by a surgeon whose name and address must be entered in the prison books. Any gaoler neglecting to keep these rules shall forfeit his office, be fined a sum of £20, and suffer imprisonment until the same be paid. Prisoners condemned to death for any other offence shall remain in the condemned cells and be visited by their friends at all seasonable times; their diet shall be the prison allowance only, and they shall be allowed to walk for a short time every day in the yard. 79

Twenty-one rules drawn up for the treatment and conduct of female prisoners in Bedford Gaol according to the Act 4 Geo. IV., c. 64, and 5 Geo. IV., c. 85. The matron to reside in the prison and accompany any keeper visiting the prisoners; the rooms are to be cleaned every day and all the windows opened; the cells to be unlocked at 6 a.m. from April 1st to September 30th, and at sunrise during the rest of the year; no spirituous liquors allowed except in cases of sickness; no gaming is permitted, nor is any prisoner allowed to receive money; no prisoner before trial shall be compelled to wear prison dress unless her own clothes be deemed insufficient or improper, or necessary to be preserved for the purposes of justice; any prison dress needed must be plain, and no prisoner after trial shall be liable to be clothed in a party coloured dress unless convicted of felony; all prisoners to be allowed air and exercise and communication with their friends under proper restrictions. No irons to be used except in urgent cases and close confinement not to exceed one month. Every prisoner, unless prevented by sickness, to be employed making, washing, and mending the prison clothes and linen. Prisoners who shall not receive any allowance from the county shall be allowed to procure for themselves food, clothing, and other necessaries, subject to certain restrictions and examinations. The matron is to keep an account of all work done, and shall account to the prisoners for so much of the net profits which they have earned, and which they receive when discharged. No prisoner, who is confined under sentence of any court, shall receive any food or other necessaries, other than the gaol allowance, except under certain regulations; every prisoner under sentence of transportation to be kept to hard labour if her health permit, either in the gaol or house of correction. 80

Rules for the the treatment and conduct of convicted prisoners, in pursuance of 4 Geo. IV., c. 64, and 5 Geo. IV., c. 85. 81

These rules are similar to the preceding with the following differences.

Persons who are convicted of offences and imprisoned without being sentenced to hard labour (except such who should maintain themselves), shall be forced to support themselves unless prevented by sickness. Soldiers committed in execution of the sentence of courts martial shall be treated as other convicted prisoners.

82 **Rules** for the treatment and conduct of persons committed for trial in pursuance of 4 Geo. IV., c. 64, and 5 Geo. IV., c. 85.

Similar to the preceding with the following differences.

Accomplices, admitted as evidence for the crown, persons committed for want of sureties, and oll other unconvicted prisoners shall be confined in the separate wards prepared for them, and be subject to the rules of prisoners committed for trial. Persons committed for trial who are desirous of working may be allowed to do so, provided that it shall not be lawful to place together, on account of such employment, any prisoners who would otherwise be kept separate; and that no prisoner before conviction shall be employed on the treadmill either with or without his consent. Garnish money forbidden.

83 **Rules** for the government and conduct of prisoners confined for debt, in pursuance of 4 Geo. IV., c. 64, and 5 Geo. IV., c. 85.

Debtors inclined to work may be employed, or employ themselves, for their own support and benefit, provided their materials or tools be not, from bulk or quality, inconvenient, or unfit for admission. Visitors may be admitted from 10 to 4, every day except Sunday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday, when the time shall be limited to two hours in the morning and evening; if visitors shall refuse to go out when required or shall misbehave, the keeper may turn them out and refuse them admittance in future. No dogs, poultry, pigeons, pigs or rabbits shall be allowed to be kept in the prison; any debtor refusing to obey orders, or misbehaving in any way, may be punished by confinement to his rooms for any time not exceeding three days, to be extended at the discretion of the visiting justice.

The rules as regards garnish money, the cleaning of the rooms, the receipt of money, and the allowance of spirituous liquors, &c., are the same as in the preceding rules.

88 A **Return** of the number of persons committed to the County Gaol for the year 1824; the crimes for which they were indicted and the number of convictions.

91 16th November. **Record** of the conviction, on the information of the collector of excise, of Benjamin Allen, of Leighton Buzzard, fellmonger, or parchment-maker, for having, without giving due notice, taken a number of skins out of his lime pits in order to dry them, contrary to the form of the statute. He was fined £20, which fine was reduced to £6 17s. 6d.

28th April. **Order** at Quarter Sessions upon an appeal by John Emery and John Ashwell against the accounts of the overseers of the poor of the parish of Tempsford for the year last past; and against the allowance of the same accounts by any justices of the peace for the county of Bedford. Ordered that the sum of £67 included in the account as allowed, be disallowed, and paid over to the present overseers, and that the remainder of the said account be allowed. 108

28th April. **Order** appointing Thomas Gastelow and Charles Austin, of Ampthill, to ascertain the average price of corn and grain for 14 years, and directing them to report the same. Which order was made upon the application of the Reverend William Pierce Nethersole, vicar of the parish of Pulloxhill, under the Act 49 Geo. III., entitled, "An Act for inclosing lands in the parishes of Flitton-cum-Silsoe and Pulloxhill." 111

28th April. **Order** at Quarter Sessions nominating William Willshire, of Hitchin, William Henry Whitbread, of Southill, near Biggleswade, John Lee, of Colworth, near Bedford, Robert Moore, of Kempston, near Bedford, Philip Hunt, of Bedford, James Webster, of Meppershall, near Shefford, George Cardale, of Ampthill, and George Owsley Fenwick, of Kempston, all justices, to be visitors of the gaol and new houses of correction, pursuant to the act passed in the last session of parliament for consolidating and amending the laws relating to prisons. 113

28th April. **Order** at Quarter Sessions upon the application of the Reverend George Nelson Kerr, rector of Tibrooke, by virtue of an Act 40 Geo. III., intitled "An Act for dividing, allotting and inclosing the common and open fields, meadows, commonable lands and waste grounds within the parish of Tilbrooke, in the county of Bedford;" and upon proof of notice of such application in the London Gazette and Northampton Mercury, appointing Benjamin Welstead and Thomas Bloodworth, of Kimbolton, together with a third person to act as arbitrators for ascertaining the price of a Winchester bushel of wheat for the last 21 years; and in case such average price shall exceed the price set forth by the commissioners by the value of 3d., the yearly corn rent payable by virtue of the said Act is to be increased or diminished in proportion. 114

14th July. A **similar order** upon the application of the Reverend George Cardale, rector of Milbrooke, by virtue of an Act 35 Geo. III., intitled "An Act for dividing and inclosing the open and common fields, common meadows, commonable lands, common warren and waste grounds within the parish of Milbrooke," appointing Thomas Gastelow and Charles Austin, of Ampthill, arbitrators. 124

14th July. **Order** at Quarter Sessions by Benjamin Welstead, Thomas Bloodworth and William Alexander Peppercorn, of St. Neots, that they have ascertained the price of a Winchester bushel of wheat for the space of 21 years to be 9s. 4d., which average price is more than the average price set forth in the award made by the commissioners to 125

the value of 3d. and upwards. It is therefore ordered that the yearly tithe rent of £210 payable to the rector of Tilbrooke shall be increased to £330 2s. 2d. (See also No. 463.)

127 12th July. **Order** at Quarter Sessions held for the town of Bedford, in pursuance of an act passed in the last session of parliament, entitled "An Act for amending an act of the last session of Parliament relating to the building, repairing and enlarging of certain gaols and houses of correction, and for procuring information as to the state of all other gaols and houses of correction in England and Wales." It is ordered that a contract be entered into by the town justices of the peace with those of the county for the support and maintenance of all prisoners committed to the gaol from the town of Bedford.

128 14th July. **Order** at Quarter Sessions for the county with reference to the preceding order; it is ordered that such contract be entered into, and that the visiting justices do ascertain the cost of maintaining the town prisoners per head, including all expences attending the same for the last seven years, and that they report the same to this court, together with their opinion of what will be a proper remuneration to be paid by the justices to the treasurer of this county for the support and maintenance of the prisoners.

129 14th July. **Order** at Quarter Sessions finding the average price of a Winchester bushel of good marketable wheat for 14 years last past to be 9s. 6¼d. And that the amount of all future payments of the respective yearly rents to be paid by virtue of the Flitton and Polluxhill Enclosure Act to the vicar of Pulloxhill for the next 14 years is, by virtue of the said act, to be equal in value to the several quantities of wheat in the second column of a schedule annexed; the amount of such respective yearly rents is set forth in the fourth column of that schedule.

130 **Schedule** relating to the above order giving names of proprietors.

136 20th October. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that the Reverend Dr. Moore and the Reverend Dr. Hunt, two justices of the peace, be empowered to contract with the justices of the peace of the town for the support and maintenance in the gaol and houses of correction of all prisoners committed thereto from the town of Bedford, upon such terms as shall be agreed upon by them, it appearing in the report of the visiting justices that the expences of each prisoner will not amount to 9s. per week, and that on the making of such contract every prisoner who would otherwise be imprisoned in the town shall be removed to the county prison. In pursuance of which order it is agreed between the above mentioned justices for the county and Thomas Kidman, mayor of Bedford, and Francis Green, justices for the town, that the treasurer of the town do pay to the treasurer of the county, at every quarter sessions of the peace, the sum of 8s. per week for each prisoner, which shall be regulated from time to time according to the average cost per head of supporting all the prisoners in the gaols of the said county. (See also No. 137.)

20th October. **Order** at Quarter Sessions by the justices, that the male and female prisoners in the gaol and old House of Correction shall be confined in separate wards. The male prisoners shall be divided into five classes. 140

First. Debtors and prisoners committed for contempt of court on civil process.

Second and Third. Convicted prisoners.

Fourth and Fifth. Those committed for trial.

Such prisoners to be assigned to either of these classes of prisoners, convicted or committed respectively, as to the visiting magistrates shall seem meet; regard being always had to the character and conduct of the prisoners, and the nature of their offence.

The female prisoners in the said gaol and old House of Correction shall be divided into three classes.

First. Debtors and persons committed for contempt of court on civil process.

Second. Prisoners convicted.

Third. Prisoners committed for trial.

That in the new House of Correction of this county, the male and female prisoners shall be confined in separate wards or parts of the house.

The male prisoners shall be divided into five classes.

First and Second. Prisoners convicted; who may be put into either of such classes as to the visiting magistrates may seem meet, regard being had to the character and conduct of the prisoners, and the nature of their offence.

Third and Fourth. Prisoners committed for trial. Such prisoners may be put into either of these classes, as to the visiting magistrates may seem meet; regard being had to the character and conduct of the prisoner, and the nature of his offence.

Fifth. Vagrants.

The female prisoners in the new House of Correction shall be divided into two classes.

First and Second. Prisoners convicted. The prisoners to be put into either such classes as to the visiting magistrates shall seem meet; regard being had to their character and conduct, and the nature of their offence. Vagrants shall be assigned to one or the other of these classes, as the visiting magistrates in their discretion shall see meet.

20th July. **Declaration** by the magistrates, acting for the hundreds of Barford, Stodden and Willey, assembled at the Wheat Sheaf at Harrold, that they recommend William Hardwick, of Riseley to be a chief constable for the hundred of Stodden, in the place of Richard Gell, deceased. 144

22nd January. **Conviction** of James Horn, of Clophill, for an offence against the condition of a recognisance entered into by him on his obtaining a licence to sell all beer or other excisable liquors by retail; fined £5 and 19s. 6d. costs. 157

158 31st August. **Conviction** of Samuel Foxley, labourer, for having ridden along the turnpike road, leading from Bedford to Woburn, upon a waggon loaded with coals and drawn by three horses, and having no person on foot or horseback to guide the same; fined 25s.

456 7th June. **Certificate** that a certain part of a common highway, situated within the parish of Apsley Guise, extending from the boundary of the parish of Salford, near to a certain place called Salford Ford to the parish church of the parish of Apsley Guise, 3630 yards long and 22 feet wide, has been repaired.

457 14th July. **Certificate** that a certain part of a highway leading from the village of Barton to the village of Shitlington, called the Shitlington balk, otherwise called Higham balk, situated in the parish of Shitlington, 1100 yards long and 20 feet wide, has been repaired.

458 17th November. **Certificate** that the justices having viewed a certain common and public bridge called Harrold Bridge, lying over the River Ouze and in the common King's highway, leading from Bedford to Wellingborough in the county of Northampton, one part of which bridge is situated in the parish of Carlton, and the other part in the parish of Wellington, do find that the part which lies in the parish of Carlton has been repaired.

459 10th July. **Report** of Robert Edmonds, of Boughton House, and William Yorke, of Thrapston, in the county of Northampton, that the former having been one of the commissioners appointed by the Act 40, Geo. III., intitled "An Act for dividing, allotting, and "inclosing the common and open fields, meadows, commonable lands, "and waste grounds, within the parish of Tilbrooke in the county of "Bedford"; and the latter having been clerk to the said commissioners, that they were directed to ascertain from the London Gazette the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat during the term of twenty-one years, and what quantity of wheat at that price £210 would purchase; which sum was fixed to be payable to the rector of Tilbrook. They have ascertained the price of a bushel of wheat to be 5s. 11¼d. at which price the said sum of £210 would purchase 707 bushels, $2\frac{1}{10}$ pecks of wheat. They also state that on referring to the award, they find that instead of 707 bushels and $2\frac{1}{10}$ pecks, 70 bushels, $2\frac{1}{10}$ pecks was inserted, which was an error.

461 22nd March. **Report** of C. Bevan, Civil Engineer, on the bridge and causeway near St. Neots and on the effect of the same on the height of the floods.

Gentlemen,

In compliance with the instructions received on the 4th instant, I have examined the bridge and causeway leading from St. Neots to Eaton, both in regard to the waterway for the discharge of flood waters, and to the road way for the accommodation of the public, and submit the following as my report.

In the ordinary state of the river, the water passes through the three large arches of the bridge; the transverse section or area occupied by the water in that state amounts to 558 square feet. In times of flood, when the water is of sufficient height to flow over the low part of the

road at Eaton Ford, at which time it is about 3½ feet above the ordinary height, the aggregate capacity of the arches occupied by the water at the bridge and under the causeway amounts to 1916 square feet; this limited space when compared with the extensive district of drainage to supply the flood, is sufficient to enable me to pronounce the waterway defective, and this opinion is conformed by the observed difference of level between the surface of the water on the two sides of the bridge in times of flood; and my opinion is, that this defect should be remedied by additions to the present waterway.

My particular attention having been called to the arch (or tunnel) which discharges the water from Eaton Ford, I think it necessary to observe, that when the water rises about four feet above the ordinary state of the river, part of the flood water passes over the road out of the general valley, and unites with the local drainage of the place to pass through this arch, which is of considerable length, and constructed upon defective principles; if it had been made of proper cylindrical shape, and of the present diameter, its power of discharge would have been more than double of what it now is; and in addition to this defect of shape, there is a bank of earth in the line of the current occupying more than half the section of the arch, so as to render the velocity much less than it otherwise would be. There are similar banks of earth, and willows standing in the line of some of the other flood arches obstructing the free passage of the water, and which ought to be removed.

The flood arches are all too shallow, and may at a few pounds expence be deepened on an average at least two feet, thereby producing a new and effective waterway of 300 square feet, or more than equal to half the present ordinary waterway of the river.

The river arches are also too shallow, and may at a moderate expence be deepened about 2 feet, and thereby add 200 feet more of most effective waterway. The expense of these improvements, including the necessary security to the abutments of the Flood arches may be £140.

In my opinion, it is also desirable to construct four new tunnels of 12 feet diameter through the causeway between the seventh and eighth of the present arches, giving a further addition of 412 feet waterway; the expense of which I estimate at £230. Or in lieu of these tunnels, four rectangular apertures may be made with upright walls and cast iron bearers, producing an opening of 624 square feet, transverse section, the expense of which I estimate at the sum of £250.

There is another very important consideration relative to some regulation of the passage of the water in times of flood, rendered more necessary of late years from the great improvements in drainage in the upper districts of the country; whereby the floods descend in much less time than heretofore, so as to overtake and join the local floods of this district, which would otherwise have passed off towards the sea before the great body of upland waters had arrived. On this part of the question there are two other interests intimately involved, namely, the occupiers of mills upon

the river and the owners of the navigation ; both of these to a certain degree, find it necessary to keep up the head of water in the river, and have an established right so to do.

In the neighbourhood of populous towns, it is my opinion that an earlier preparation of the river to receive the accumulated quantities known to be advancing, might be adopted with small injury to the mills and navigation, and possibly terms might be agreed to between the parties interested, to be acted upon in particular cases so as to relieve the town of St. Neots at a moderate expense. There may be some difficulty in providing suitable and equitable funds to compensate for real injury occasioned by these regulations, but when the number of persons that would be relieved by the regulation is balanced against the expense of accomplishing the object desired, little doubt can be entertained of obtaining the funds required.

In tracing the height of the large flood in November last, it is obvious that the solid parapet walls on the lower part of the causeway, contributed to the excessive height of the flood, and if reinstated on their original plan may hereafter have the same effect, and also be exposed to similar destruction ; whereas if these fences had been open palisades, the free waterway would have been greater by 375 square feet, or more than equal to one of the large arches of the river. Instead therefore of restoring these fences in their former solid form, as the county must be interested in their durability, I would advise them to open fences ; and in a situation like that in question it is my opinion that cast iron would be the most economical. The Eaton Ford water may in part be relieved by a Flood way over the road on the north side of the present arch, by reducing the height of the road and adjoining land from 6 to 18 inches, at a probable expence of 12 or 15/-. The position of some of the fences in the meadows have a tendency to obstruct the passage of the water, and add to its height and duration ; part of these would be better open post and rail fences. The difference of expence between a good oak fence and maintaining it in perpetuity, and that of a quick or thorn hedge, estimating the value of the ground occupied by the latter is but trifling ; depending in some measure upon the relative price of land and timber, but may in this situation be estimated in the ratio of 6 to 5. A few banks and trees of no great value in the line of the current might be removed to give greater passage to the flood.

The question of widening the present narrow and dangerous bridge, I have in part considered. Provided suitable funds could be obtained, the best remedy would be that of a new bridge, whereby double waterway might be secured, and double room provided for the passage of the public.

The road way upon the present bridge may be widened by projecting foot paths on each side. I have calculated the expence of such an addition by a foot path of three and a half feet in width on each side, giving the benefit of the space upon which the parapets now stand to the carriage way, and rendering it sufficient with moderate care for the safe passage of carriages in all parts, amounting to the sum of £700.

I have also calculated that an addition of 10 feet may be made to the southern side of the bridge by three cast iron arches for a sum not exceeding £200, and probably for a less sum.

2nd April. **Letter** dated, Eynesbury, St. Neots, from the clerk to the trustees of the turnpike road leading from Biggleswade to Alconbury Hill and branches to Mr. Bevan. Stating that an adjourned special meeting of the above trustees is appointed to be held at the Cock Inn in Eaton Socon, for the further consideration of the business referred to in the annexed report (No. 461), and to adopt measures to widen the bridge and carry off the waters in times of excessive flood. 462

10th January. **Accounts** of Thomas Elger for work done at the County Gaol. 464

10th January. **Account** of John Penn for £26 3s. 6½d. for extras supplied to the new House of Correction. 480

10th January. **Account** of Thomas Elger for £320 16s. 8¼d. for various pieces of work, viz. : For sundry works performed at the County Gaol at Bedford, in the erection of a new tread mill, building a loft, a new laundry and wash house, a new day room and soup kitchen in the old House of Correction ward, and sundry alterations and improvements in various parts of the building during the year 1823 ; likewise in the erection of two new lobbies and entrances to the county hall, lead cisterns, stone staircases with new doors, windows, floors, &c. 482

10th January. **Account** of Thomas Elger for the following sums for making new entrances at the County Hall :—Carpenter and joiner, £109 18s. 10d. ; bricklayer, £94 7s. 11¼d. ; stone mason, £60 16s. 7½d. ; ironmonger, £17 9s. 10¾d. ; plumber, painter, and glazier, £40 11s. 4¾d. ; sundries, £2 8s. 484

14th January. **Account** of Charles Bailey for £4 13s. for the repair of Barford Bridge. 488

14th January. **Account** of James Ladd for £10 9s. 5d. for repairing the damage done by the flood at Tempsford Bridge. 489

14th January. **Account** of Thomas Millington for £115 3s. 6d. amongst which are the following items, viz. :— 490

6th January. To preparing drawings of plans, elevations, &c., of the alterations proposed to be made in the Court House at Bedford, &c. ..... £3 3s.

8th January. Preparing a set of drawings of the new mill building, wash house, laundry, and sundry alterations about to be made in the County Gaol, &c. ..... £5 5s.

14th January. Consulting with Mr. Scrivener respecting the progress of the brickwork for Broom Iron Bridge. Attending at the new House of Correction and examining into the questions raised respecting the disadvantages of the tread mill, &c. ; the lining the roofs of the cells to prevent dampness ; the mill at the County Gaol, and the alterations proposed at the Sessions House, &c. ..... [no sum given]

21st February. Hearing that Broom Iron Bridge has arrived at Newport, made contract with Messrs. Keeps, wharfingers, at Linford, for the carriage of the bridge to Bedford, &c.....12s.

15th to 18th March. Attending at Broom to give directions about fixing the iron bridge, finishing the whole, and having the road made over it and open to the public, &c.....£9 9s.

31st March. Writing to Messrs. Keeps, at Linford, on the subject of one of the iron ribs having been broken, and making estimate of the expense of painting the iron work of Broom Bridge stone colour, &c. .....7s. 6d.

8th April. Attending magistrates about ceiling and ventilating cells in new House of Correction, attending at the new House of Correction and getting ventilators, patent slate slips, and roman cement fillets put on the outside, and three of the insides of the cells in the women's ward lined with double fir lathe and plaster ceilings, &c...£7 17s. 6d.

15th July. Cubing and casting out the dimensions of work done by Mr. Newman to Tempsford Bridge and Mr. Edwards to Washbrooke Bridge at Biggleswade; wrote to Mr. Giles respecting Clay Bridge, &c. .....[no sum given]

17th July. Mr. Newman having represented Tempsford Bridge to be in a dangerous state, I was directed to examine the Bridge and report to the justices .....[no sum]

18th & 19th July. After inspecting the mill and works at the gaol and leaving full directions about fixing the sack "housting" tackle and removing the former dressing machine from its old situation into the new mill, proceeded to Tempsford to inspect the bridge and found it in a secure state, &c. .....£15 15s.

29th July. Drawing up a long detailed report accompanied by a plan on the present state of Tempsford Bridge, &c. .....£3 13s. 6d.

18th September. Hearing from Mr. Giles that the Ivel Navigation Commissioners would do the needful amendments to Clay Bridge at their own expense, wrote to appoint a meeting place .....4s. 6d.

24th September. Conferring with Mr. Giles on the alterations he proposed making to Clay Bridge in consequence of the additional quantity of water thrown into the stream by the Ivel Navigation, &c. .....7s. 6d.

26th September. Writing to inform Messrs. Keeps, at Linford, that unless they allowed the expenses for the broken iron rib of Broom Bridge, I could not pass their bill.....3s.

496 14th January. **Account** of Thomas Elger for £39 13s. 7d. for repairing the damage done to Barford Bridge by the flood.

497 14th January. **Detailed account** of John Penn for £322 18s. 2d. for erecting a new tread mill in the County Gaol.

499 14th January. **Account** of Thomas Elger for £10 7s. 8d. for work done at the County Gaol.

24th January. **Account** of John Welch for £1 14s. for repairing an arch in the road in the Luton district and in the parish of Clophill. 529

2nd March. **Account** of James Hack (?) junr. for £9 1s. 7½d. for work done at a bridge in the parish of Chalgrove, near Hockliffe. 531

8th March. **Account** of Samuel Burrows for £43 15s. for taking up a bridge at Beadlow in the parish of Clophill on the road from Clophill to Shefford and building a new one in the same place (See also No. 536). 532

28th April. **Account** of Thomas Elger for £50 10s. 8d. for work done at Tempsford Bridge. 542

28th April. **Coroners return** of the number of inquests in the county of Bedford from Michaelmas 1823 to Easter 1824. 550

28th April. **Account** of Thomas Elger for £12 3s. 11½d. for work done at the County Gaol. 565

14th July. **Account** of John Wing for £2 13s. 6½d. for work done at the County Gaol. 576

Account of James Ayre for £38 3s. 6d. for work done at Chalgrove Bridge. 590

July. **Account** of Richard Labrum for £1 10s. for sand for repairing Hockliffe Bridge. 601

July. **Account** of W. Berrill, junr., for £3 3s. for surveying and making plans of a bridge in the parish of Chalgrave and attendance at Sessions, &c. 602

8th October. **Account** of William Thorpe for £2 5s. for work done at Clifton Bridge. 606

18th October. **Account** of George Green for £4 8s. 0½d. for work done at Clifton Bridge. 607

20th October. **Account** of Thomas Elger for £6 8s. 2½d. for work done at the County Goal. 613

20th October. **Account** of Jacob Lovel for £17 5s. for work done at Tempsford Bridge. 618

20th October. **Account** of Joseph Berrill for £97 for repairs done at Stafford (sic) Bridge, *i.e.* mending walls and pitching and repairing the arches, also widening the arch at the further end of the bridge. 625

20th October. **Account** of Jos. Berrill for £2 14s. 6d. for cleaning, pointing, &c., the Courts, Hall, and Jury Rooms at the County Hall. 637

20th October. **Coroner's** returns of the number of inquests in the county from Easter 1823 to Michaelmas 1824. 640

641 20th October. **Account** of Thomas Elger for £31 8s. 11d. and £16 8s. 2½d. for work done at the new House of Correction.

643 2nd November. **Receipt** of Mr. Charles Bailey for £9 1s. 7½d. for work done at Chalgrove Bridge.

644 2nd November. **Receipt** by the above for £50 18s. 4½d. for work done at Chalgrove Bridge.

645 25th December. **Return** of the names and numbers of the officers and non-commissioned officers, drummers and privates of the Bedfordshire Regiment of Militia, comprising 1 Colonel (Sir John Osborn), 1 Lieutenant Colonel (Gilpin), 1 Major (Horner), 4 Captains (Wallis, Davies, Campbell, and Higgins), 4 Lieutenants (Hankins————, Leech ————, Harrison ————, Morres) ————, 3 Ensigns (Broderick, Trephook, Gilpin), 1 Adjutant (Brown), 1 Surgeon (Hyne), 1 Paymaster (Leech), 1 Assistant Surgeon (Rix), 1 Quarter Master (Morris), 11 Serjeants, 11 corporals, 7 drummers, 315 rank and file.

646 **Estimate** of the expences attending making the road at each end of Clifton Bridge to the distance of 300 feet, including "quicking," fencing, purchase of ground, &c..... .....£109 12s.

706 1st January. **Presentment** that a common and public bridge called Eaton Bridge in the parish of Eaton Socon, in the common King's highway leading from Bedford to St. Neots, in the county of Huntingdon, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of the county of Bedford ought to repair the same.

707 1st January. **Presentment** that there is a certain common and public bridge called Bromham Bridge lying over the river Ouze in the King's highway, leading from the town of Bedford to Newport Pagnell, in the county of Buckingham, one part of which lies in the parish of Biddenham, and the other in the parish of Kempston; and that the part lying in the parish of Biddenham is in a state of decay, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of the county of Bedford.

708 1st January. **Presentment** that there is a common and public bridge called Barford Bridge over the river Ouze, leading from Bedford to Saint Neots, in the county of Huntingdon, one part of which is situated in the parish of Blunham, and the other part in the parish of Great Barford, and that the part thereof lying in the parish of Blunham is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of the county of Bedford ought to repair the same.

709 1st January. **Presentment** that a certain common and public bridge, near a certain cottage called Cainhoe Cottage in the parish of Clophill, leading from the village of Haynes to the village of Upper Gravenhurst is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of the county of Bedford ought to repair the same.

1st January. **Presentment** that a certain common and public bridge called Beadlow bridge in the parish of Clophill, leading from the town Ampthill to the town of Shefford, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of the county of Bedford ought to repair the same. 710

11th January. **Presentment** that a common and public bridge called Harrold Bridge, situated in the several parishes of Harrold and Chellington, leading from the town of Harrold to the town of Bedford is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of the County of Bedford ought to repair the same. 711

9th April. **Presentment** that there is a certain common and ancient King's highway leading from the village of Barton to the village of Shitlington, a certain part thereof called Shitlington Balk, otherwise called Higham Balk, lying in the parish of Shitlington, 1100 yards long and 20 feet wide, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of the county of Bedford ought to repair the same. 712

28th April. **Presentment** that there is a certain common and ancient King's highway leading from the parish of Salford to the parish of Cranfield, a certain part whereof situated in the parish of Salford commencing at a place called the Moors in the parish of Salford, and ending at another part of the same place called the Moors, 22 yards long, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Salford ought to repair the same. 713

28th April. **Presentment** that there is a certain common and ancient King's highway leading from the village of Cranfield to the town of Newport Pagnell in the county of Buckingham, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Cranfield, commencing at a guide post in or near the village of Cranfield, and ending at or near a wood called the lower and lesser wood in the parish of Moulsoe in the County of Buckingham, 2680 yards long and 22 feet wide, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Cranfield ought to repair the same. 714

13th May. **Presentment** that there is a certain common and public bridge called Harrold Bridge lying over the river Ouze in the King's highway, leading from the town of Bedford to the town of Wellingboro' in the county of Northampton, one part of which lies in the parish of Carlton and the other in the parish of Chellington, and that the part of the bridge lying in the parish of Carlton is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of the county of Bedford ought to repair the same. 715

14th July. **Presentment** that there is a certain common and ancient King's highway leading from the village of Streatley to the turnpike road leading from the hamlet of Silsoe towards the town of Luton, a certain part whereof in the parish of Streatley, commencing at the Church Greeen in the said parish to the turnpike road aforesaid, containing in length 1620 feet or thereabouts, and of the breadth of 30 feet or thereabouts, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Streatley ought to repair the same. 716

717 14th July. **Presentment** that there is a certain common and ancient King's highway commonly called Runley Lane Road, leading out of another highway which leads from Luton to the village of Market Street in the parish of Caddington, towards a certain other highway which lead from the town of Luton to the town of Dunstable, a certain part of the first above mentioned highway lying in the parish of Caddington, commencing at the south-east corner of a close belonging to Samuel Crawley, in the parish of Luton, called Farley Green Close, and extending to the south-west corner of a certain other close belonging to Samuel Crawley, in the parish of Luton, called Little Castle Croft, 1177 yards long and 25 feet wide, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Caddington ought to repair the same. The inhabitants of Caddington having objected to the said order, it was referred to the next General Quarter Sessions of the peace.

735 14th July. **Presentment** as to Runley Lane Road described above. A certain part of the road in the township of Luton, commencing at the north-east corner of a close of Samuel Crawley, in the parish of Caddington, called the Three Cornered Field, and extending to the south-west corner of a close belonging to Samuel Crawley, in the said parish of Luton, called the Thirty Acres, 1850 yards long and 25 feet wide, is in a state of decay, and the inhabitants of the township of Luton ought to repair the same.

737 17th October. **Presentment** that there is a certain common and ancient King's highway leading from the village of Cranfield to the town of Woburn, a certain part whereof lying within the parish of Aspley Guise, extending from the limits or boundary of the parish of Salford near a certain place called Salford Ford to the parish church of the parish of Aspley Guise, 3630 yards long and 22 feet wide, is in a state decay, and that the inhabitants of Aspley Guise ought to repair the same.

738 20th October. **Presentment** that there is a certain common and ancient King's highway leading out of a certain common and ancient King's highway, leading from the town of Luton to the village of Market Street in the parish of Caddington, towards a certain other common and ancient King's highway, leading from the town of Luton to the village of Harpenden, and that a certain part of the first mentioned highway being in the hamlet of West Hyde in the parish of Luton, commencing at the north-west corner of a close of Samuel Crawley in the said parish of Luton, called the Twelve Acres, and ending at the south-east corner of a close of the Marquis of Bute, in the parish of Luton, called Dell Field, where the same enters the said highway leading from Luton to Harpenden, 1078 yards long and 25 feet broad, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of West Hyde ought to repair the same.

739 14th July. **Statement** by Thomas Barber that he is possessed of sufficient estate (namely the rectory of Houghton Conquest) to qualify him to act as a Justice of the Peace.

743 14th January. **Letter** from "Jeramy" Willis to Lord————. "Mr. Samuel Reeve, one of the surveyors of the road of Leighton Bussard, requested I would see your lordship on the subject of a letter he wrote

relative to a bridge blown down at a flood on the 31st of October last, at the end of the town of Leighton Bussard, standing upon the stream dividing the counties of Buckingham and Bedford. I understood the object to be if the court of Quarter Sessions will assist in rebuilding the bridge."

Letter from John Garrard to W. Wilshire, stating that he has ordered the measures for the inspector of weights and measures at the instance of the magistrates for the hundreds of Barford, Stodden, and Willey, for the use of the inspector; and asking that the opinion of some one of the law officers of the crown be had as to whether the power given to the magistrates to appoint their inspector does not impute to extend to empower the justices in sessions to order payment for those measures. 744

26th April. **Letter** dated at Moulson, from John Bennett to the Reverend Edmund Burk Lewis, at Toddington. "I have taken the liberty of writing to you upon the subject of a piece of road leading from Cranfield to Newport Pagnell, the proper communication from thence to Marston, Ampthill, Bedford, &c., which is completely impassable and a great public evil; I should be sorry to interfere improperly, but have been desired by Mr. Beard, Cranfield, to make a proper complaint to you personally, but have not had a convenient opportunity. I certainly don't want my name to be put in the brunt (?) of an indictment, but it would certainly be a great public benefit if it could be accomplished with your concurrence." 746

17th November. **Letter** dated at Bedford, from Thomas Elger to the justices of the county of Bedford. 751

"I believe the probable expence of my work at Clay Bridge will be about £5,000. I shall feel obliged to you to order your treasurer to pay me half that amount on account."

Letter dated at Leighton, from Samuel Reeve to Lord Tavistock. 766

"As one of the surveyors of this town, I beg leave to inform thee that an application will be made to the court of Quarter Sessions at Bedford for the repair of a bridge which divides the counties of Bedford and Buckingham and the parishes of Leighton Buzzard and Linslade, which was washed down by the late calamitous flood; fearing thy health may not permit thy attendance at the Sessions, and feeling the importance of the assistance and influence, we have taken the liberty of soliciting that thou would request the chairman (W. Wilshire, Esq.), with whom thou art intimately acquainted, to give his sanction and assistance in promoting the interests of this town by a grant from the court; it is unquestionably a county bridge. Similar application will also be made to the court of the county of Buckingham, and we hope, by a grant from each, the parishes will be enabled to compleat the bridge in a proper manner, without being affected much thereby."

17th February. At a **General Meeting** of the trustees of the Biggleswade Turnpike Road, held at the Falcon Inn, in St. Neots, the state of Saint Neots Bridge was taken into consideration, both in respect of the road over it and also of the interruption occasioned thereby 762

to the passage of the water through it. Resolved that a special general meeting be held at the Cock Inn at Eaton, for the accommodation of the Bedfordshire trustees, on Tuesday, the 23rd March, for taking into more full consideration the expediency of calling upon the magistrates of the counties of Huntingdon and Bedford to concur in such measures as may be necessary for making the road safe and the drainage secure. And that in the mean time Mr. Bevan be employed to take a view thereof and make a report thereon.

763 23rd April. At an **Adjourned Meeting** of the trustees of the turnpike road leading from Biggleswade to Alconbury Hill, it was resolved, that as they are impressed with a strong feeling of the distresses brought upon the inhabitants of the parishes of Eaton and St. Neots in consequence of the waters accumulating rapidly to a great height at the bridge and causeway and low parts of the road between Saint Neots and Eaton Socon, owing to the insufficiency of the water-way there, they are desirous, as far as they can lawfully do so, and without injury to the public or private property to co-operate with the magistrates of the two counties in remedying the great inconveniences which arise from these defects.

764 Easter Session. **Notice** by Thomas Turnham, victualler of Leighton Bussard, that he intends to apply for a license or authority to sell ale, beer, or other exciseable liquors at a certain messuage situate on the east side of the street, called the north end of Leighton Bussard.

765 4th October. **Recommendation** by the acting magistrates for the hundred of Barford to the justices, that John Palmer, of Goldington, within the hundred of Barford, be appointed chief constable of the hundred of Barford, in the room of the late George Palmer, chief constable.

766 9th October. **Notice** by John Mackay that he intends to appeal at the next General Quarter Sessions against the appointment Robert Huld, of Oakley, as surveyor of the highways for the parish of Ravensden, as he is not a resident of, or in the said parish of Ravensden, or within three miles thereof, and that there are in the said parish other fit and proper persons to serve in the said office.

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21 31st March. **Notice** by Robert Gee, on behalf of the Master and Fellows of Sidney College, Cambridge, that they intend to appeal against the rates or assessments made for the relief of the poor of the parish of Wootton.

86 12th January. **Order** at Quarter Sessions that the following justices be visitors of the gaol and houses of correction within this county—that is to say :—Thomas Philip Weddell, Lord Grantham, West Park, Silsoe, Chairman ; William Henry Whitbread, of Southill, near Biggleswade, Esquire ; John Lee, of Colworth, near Bedford, Esquire ; Robert Moore, of Kempston, near Bedford, D.D. ; Philip Hunt, of Bedford, Doctor of Laws; James Webster, of Meppershall, near Shefford, Clerk ; George Cardale, of Ampthill, Clerk ; and George Ouseley Fenwicke, Clerk of Kempston, near Bedford.

6th July. **Order** at Quarter Sessions nominating the following justices to be visitors of the gaol and houses of correction :— 112

Sir Robert Harry Inglis, Baronet, Chairman, Milton Bryant, Woburn.
William Henry Whitbread, Esquire, Southill, Biggleswade.
John Lee, Esquire, Colworth, Bedford.
The Revd. Dr. Moore, Thurleigh, Bedford.
The Revd. Dr. Hunt. Bedford.
The Revd. George Cardale, Millbrook, Ampthill.
The Revd. George Owsley Fenwicke, Kempston, Bedford.
The Revd. Thomas Barber, Houghton, Ampthill.
The Revd. James Reed, Eversholt, Woburn.
The Revd. John Hull, Stondon, Hitchin.

6th October. **Order** at Quarter Sessions. A similar list omitting the Revd. John Hull. 119

17th February. **Notice** by two justices of the peace, that they have upon view found that a public foot way, of the length of 500 yards or thereabouts, leading out of the Church road, of the parish of Kempston, at the vicarage in a north-west direction over the first allotment, late of James Aspinwall, clerk, deceased, for tithes within the said parish of Kempston, and now of George Owsley Fenwicke, vicar of the said parish, and now divided into three distinct closes, to that part of a road in the said parish of Kempston, called the Bromham Road, that adjoins the said foot path ; and also a certain other foot path, lately used on sufferance as a public foot path, of the length of 190 yards or thereabouts, leading from the above described foot path about the centre thereof, and proceeding in a westerly direction across the said first allotment to the said road called the Bromham Road ; and also a certain other foot path, lately used on sufferance as a public foot path, of the length of 300 yards or thereabouts, leading from a point near the commencement of the first described foot path, nearly in a north-westerly direction across the said first allotment to the said road called Bromham Road ; which said public footways, so used and particularly described in the plan hereto annexed, are unnecessary, and may be conveniently stopped up; and that a more commodious foot way may be set out for the use of the public in lieu thereof ; and having viewed a course proposed for the new foot way to be made by a raised gravel causeway of the breadth of 4 feet along the side of the highway, leading from the church yard at the spot where the first described foot path commences, along a road in the said parish of Kempston, which is of the breadth of 40 feet, and called the Church Road in a westerly direction of the length of 190 yards or thereabouts, and from thence in a northerly direction along the said Bromham Road of the length of 500 yards or thereabouts, to the point in the said Bromham Road where the end of the first above described footpath now terminates, also particularly described in the plan hereto annexed. They order that the said three first described foot ways may be stopped up and a new foot way set out in lieu thereof as last above described. 123

Plan relating to the above mentioned foot paths. 124

12th December. **Notice** by two justices of the peace that, having found at a special session, held at the house of George James, Earl Ludlow, in 126

the parish of Cople, in the hundred of Wixamtree, that a certain part of a highway in the parish and hundred aforesaid, leading from the village of Cople to the village of Northill, and lying opposite a garden in the occupation of John Dunham, marked in the plan hereunto annexed with the letter A, towards the parish of Northill aforesaid, opposite a close of pasture land in the occupation of William Freer, marked in the said plan with the letter C, and containing in length 272 yards or thereabouts; and a certain part of a highway in the parish of Cople aforesaid, branching from the said highway towards Northill, opposite the mansion house of the said George James, Earl Ludlow, marked in the said plan with the letter B, towards a certain place in the said parish of Cople called Water End, otherwise Wood End, lying between the said highway leading towards Northill aforesaid and a certain part of the said highway leading towards Water End, otherwise Wood End aforesaid, opposite a cottage in the occupation of John Stocker, marked in the said plan with the letter D, and containing in length 121 yards or thereabouts, and particularly described in the plan hereunto annexed—may be diverted and turned so as to make the same more commodious to the public; and that having viewed a course proposed for the new highway in lieu of the first mentioned part of the said highway leading towards Northill, through the lands and grounds of the most noble John Duke of Bedford, of the length of 255 yards or thereabouts, from the said garden in the occupation of the said John Dunham, marked in the said plan with the letter A, to the said close of pasture in the occupation of the said William Freer, marked in the said plan with the letter C, and of the breadth of 30 feet or thereabouts; and also a course proposed from the said new highway in lieu of the said part of the said highway, described in the said plan by the letter B, leading towards Water End otherwise Wood End, through the lands and grounds of the said John Duke of Bedford, of the length of 137 yards or thereabouts, from a stump or post in a close called Green Close and marked in the said plan with the letter E, to the said cottage in the occupation of the said John Stocker marked with the letter D, and of the breadth of 30 feet or thereabouts, particularly described in the plan hereunto annexed; And that having received evidence of the consent of the said John Duke of Bedford to the said new highways being made through his lands herein before described by writing under his hand and seal; they do hereby order that the said highway be diverted and turned accordingly.

127 Plan of the above mentioned highways.

384 12th January. **Certificate** that a certain common and public bridge commonly called Beadlow Bridge, situated in the parish of Clophill, leading from the town of Ampthill to the town of Shefford, has been repaired.

385 12th January. **Certificate** that a certain common and public bridge lying in the parish of Chalgrave has been repaired.

386 4th April. **Certificate** that a road lying in the hamlet of West Hyde, leading out of a certain common and ancient king's highway, which leads from the town of Luton to the village of Market Street in the parish of Caddington, towards a certain other common and ancient king's highway leading from the town of Luton to the village of Harpenden, has been repaired.

26th December. **Certified** return of the Bedfordshire Regiment of Militia. 387
1 Colonel (Sir John Osborn), 1 Lieutenant-Colonel (Gilpin), 1 Major (Horner), 4 Captains (Wallis, Davies, Campbell, and Higgins), 5 Lieutenants (Hankins, Leech, Rix, Harrison and Morris), 2 Ensigns (Brodrick and Triphook), 1 Adjutant (Brown), 1 Surgeon (Hyne), 1 Paymaster, 1 Assistant Surgeon, 11 Serjeants, 11 Corporals, 7 Drummers, and 268 Rank and File. Wanting to complete, 49.

11th January. **Account** of James Ayre for £107 7s. 2½d. for work done 403
to the arches in the road leading from Woburn to Hockliffe.

11th January. **Account** of Thomas Elger for £2 18s. 3d. for work done 409
at the County Hall.

11th January. **Account** of Thomas Elger for £7 5s. 1d. for work done 410
at the County Gaol.

11th January. **Account** of George and William Francis for £3 9s. 1d. 423
for bricklayers' work done at the new House of Correction.

11th. January. **Account** of S. Rees, of Ampthill, for £1 13s. 4½d. for 431
work done at Cranfield Bridge in the parish of Westoning.

11th January. **Account** of Thos. Small for 8s. for painting a mill dial at 432
the County Gaol.

11th January. **Account** of J. Hinde for £18 17s. 4d. for plumbing and 434
glazing, &c. done at the County Gaol.

11th January. **Account** of Samuel Burrows for £43 15s. for taking up a 439
bridge at Beadlow in the parish of Clophill, on the road from Clophill to Shefford and building a new one in the same place.

8th January. **Account** of William Stains for £2 for "breaking the 444
ground and damage in carting, in the parishes of Bromham and Stagsden for digging of stone to repair the county bridge in the parish of Biddingham.

18th January. **Receipt** of James Ayr for £44 4s. 2d., being the balance 445
due for work done at Chalgrave Bridge.

12th April. **Account** of Leos Cottam & Hallers for £328 10s. for "a cast 450
iron bridge, 28 feet span, with wrought iron work compleat delivered at Newport Pagnell as agreed with Mr. Millington.

12th April. **Account** of John Wing for £285 18s. 8¾d. for building the 457
addition for the female debtors. [at Bedford Prison?]

Easter Sessions. **Account** of Jos. Berrill for £4 11s. 8d. for work and 460
materials for the County Gaol.

12th April. **Account** of Thomas Times, coroner, for inquests held from 472
Michaelmas, 1824, to Easter, 1825.

12th April. **Account** of James Small for 16s. for lighting a lamp with 479
extra large burner at the County Gaol.

12th April. **Account** of James Woodroffe for 19s. for work done at the 482
County Gaol.

488 12th April. **Account** of I. Hinde for £1 4s. for work done at the County Hall.

499 Midsummer. **Account** of John Hensman for mason's work done at the Bridge near Harrold.

503 Midsummer. **Account** of Cutler & Sons for £5 5s. for coach hire and expenses to and from Bedford to inspect the situations for erecting hot air stoves at the lunatic asylum.

512 Midsummer. **Account** of W. Peacock for £2 17s. 6d. for work done at the House of Correction.

513 Midsummer. **Account** of Thomas Elger for £5 16s. 3¾d. for work done at the County Goal.

515 Midsummer. **Account** of Thomas Elger for £5 19s. 10¼d. for work done at the new House of Correction.

517 Midsummer. **Account** of Thomas Small for £2 8s. 7d. for work done at the new House of Correction.

526 Midsummer. **Account** of Theed Pearse clerk of the peace for £49 1s. 6d. for county business.

531 Midsummer. **Account** of T. Warner for expenses after Winten and Price, who escaped gaol on the 27th February, 1825 :—

Paid the men who went in pursuit ... .5s. 6d.
Paid for beer for them..... ....2s. 6d.
Paid a man, who went on horseback, to Wilden, Thurleigh, Bolnhurst, &c. ....7s 6d.
Expenses of self and warden with other assistants at Biggleswade all night to examine the waggons, vans, coaches, &c.£1 7s. 6d.
Wardens horse and cart .....10s.
Warden for his time..... .....10s.
Paid for postage, &c. .....5s. 10d.
The turnkeys expenses to Chelmsford and back to identify Winten who had been apprehended by the London police...£3 6s.
Sent to London for the apprehension of Winten as per order £10

536 Midsummer. **Account** of Theed Pearse clerk of the peace for £120 8s. 1d. for business connected with the repair of Turvey Bridge, amongst which are the following items :—

Attending at Sessions House searching for proceedings as to Turvey Bridge in 1794, 1795, and 1796 ....£1 1s. 0d.

Searching Lysons' and Gorhams' Saint Neots for information as to the possessions of the Peterboro' family at Turvey .....£1 1s. 0d.

Attending searching minute books of sessions, found minute of indictment against John Higgins, Esq., and others for not repairing Turvey Bridge at midsummer sessions 1795..... .....13s. 4d.

Writing to Mr. Garrard to enquire who purchased the estate at Turvey formerly belonging to Miss Penelope Garratt and John Harper Stokes 5s.

Perusing enquiries and attending searching files of Northampton newspapers from 1786 to 1795, both inclusive, for the advertisement of the sale of Lord Peterborough's estates to ascertain if there were any mention of the liability of the estate to the repair.....£2.

Attending in Aldersgate Street at Mr. Forest's, searching for the particulars and conditions of the sale, of the sale of Lord Peterborough's estates at Turvey in 1786, to shew the liability of the purchasers as to the repair .... 13s. 4d.

Attending and taking in writing the evidence of Mr. Berrill, of Oakley, who repaired the bridge in 1795, under the order of Mr. John Higgins, Senior .....6s. 8d.

Writing a letter to the agents and asking for extract from the exchequer or pipe office of so much of the estreat roll of the year 1795, as related to the fine set on John Higgins, Esqr., and others, for not repairing the bridge, &c., &c. .....6s. 8d.

10th July. **Account** of Thomas Elger for £736 17s. 3d. for taking down and removing the old Clay Bridge, near Clifton, after its being destroyed by floods, and rebuilding the brick works of the new iron bridge in its place..... .....Total £736 17s. 3d. 542

18th October. **Account** of James Ladd for £6 4s. 4d. for fencing at Tempsford Bridge. 546

18th October. **Account** of John Bell, Radwell, mason, for £10 for repairing Radwell Bridge and making good oak coping. 548

18th October. **Account** of the same for £1 13s. 4d. for repairing the above mentioned bridge which was damaged by the flood. 549

18th October. **Account** of Thomas Nomabell for £2 9s. 4d. for work done at Harrold Bridge to make it passable after the flood. 552

18th October. **Account** of John Perry for £1 1s. 2d. for repairing Stafford Bridge after the flood. 556

18th October. **Account** of Wm. Clark, builder, of Eynesbury, St. Neots, for £72 16s. 9d. for sundry work done to the repairs of Eaton Socon Bridge, by order of the justices :— 557

3¼ rods of brickwork in the two parapet walls of the said bridge, the same having been washed away by floods—the above including all materials, mortar, scaffolding, &c., at 15 guineas per rod ....£51 3s. 9d.

Labourers' time to cleaning 4000 old bricks saved from the ruins, and cartage of same for use in repairs of the old walls .....£4 10s.

255 feet run of old 9 inch triangular stone coping rejointed and reset with mortar, lead clamps, &c., at 6d. .....£6 7s. 6d.

10 feet run of new triangular stone coping at 2s. 6d. .....£1 5s.

14 feet of 3 inch oak plank, 40 feet oak coping for wall 8½ by 5½; labour and fixing 4 : 6 of circular oak coping, and fixing with iron bands and nails, one oak post 7 by 9 and 7 feet long .....£7 16s.

Painting the whole of the woodwork 3 times in oil, stone colour. £1 14s. 6d.

560 18th October. **Account** of John Millington for £80 9s. 4d. (amount of bill delivered last Christmas) and £22 19s., amongst which are the following items:—

10th & 11th January. Attending this day at Clifton Bridge on account of a report that a late flood had done considerable damage to it, in consequence of which Mr. Elger had been obliged to put down some additional sheeting piles to protect one of the abuttments, when it appeared that the principal source of mischief arose from the sudden bend of the river not permitting the water to flow at right angles to the line of the bridge, and to the late floods having thrown much soil and deposited more rubbish on one side of the river than the other in consequence of the form of the river not having been altered as I had directed, and attending the Quarter Sessions on the following day at Bedford to report upon the same, &c. .....£6 6s.

11th April. Self and clerk's time making out the several accounts of Mr. Elger for the repairs of Great Barford Bridge; of Mr. Edwards for Biggleswade Wash Brook Bridge; of Cottam & Co. for the iron arch of Clifton Bridge; and of Mr. Harris for carriage of same; all which were forwarded to Mr. Pearse .....£3 13s. 6d.

11th July. The like computing the charges of Mr. Elger for building Clifton Bridge, and the timber consumed in and about the same .....£7 7s.

567 18th October. **Account** of Jno. Millington for £80 9s. 4d. for work done for the county of Bedford, amongst which are the following items:—

13th January. To time of self and clerk making out the bill of Mr. Elger, &c., from dimensions previously taken for sundry work done to the building of the new mill, wash-house, laundry, and other additions and improvements to the County Gaol; and likewise to new entrances, &c., to the Shire Hall, £4 14s. 6d.

19th January. Having received a letter from Mr. Pearse stating that the winter floods had done considerable damage to Great Barford and Eaton Socon bridges, and had carried the bridge at Clifton, near Shefford, away, and requiring me to attend an adjourned Petty Sessions at Biggleswade on the 28th to confer with the justices on the above. .....[No sum.]

28th January. Attending such Petty Sessions at the Swan at Biggleswade at 11 o'clock, when I was directed to inspect the ruins of Clifton Bridge and to report upon the best means of repairing or reinstating the same; at 3 o'clock this day, therefore proceeded to same and took the necessary plan and dimensions and returned with the same to the justices' meeting at 3, when I reported the bridge to be so far destroyed as to render its repair impossible.....[No sum.]

29th January. Entered upon a full and minute examination of the state of Eaton Bridge this morning, and saw Messrs. William and John Day on the subject, who stated that the road trustees were very desirous of widening and improving the bridge; also met Mr. William Clark, builder, of Eynesbury, on the subject of doing the repairs, and took the necessary dimensions for an estimate till past 2 o'clock, when I proceeded to Great Barford Bridge and entered upon a similar examination till dark, when I proceeded to Bedford.....[No sum.]

30th January. Made a particular drawing of the dimensions of Eaton Socon Bridge and estimate for the repair of the same, and likewise of Great Barford Bridge, and for rebuilding Clifton Bridge with a single cast-iron arch instead of the two former brick ones, and began report on the above but had not time to finish it before the arrival of the mail by which I left for London..... .....£9 9s.

14th February. Having received a letter from Mr. Pearse that my report was approved, and ordering that the several matters to which it referred should be carried into effect, making working drawing for an iron arch for Clifton Bridge and likewise for the brick abuttments, and writing to several parties to ascertain the price for which they would agree to furnish the same .....£3 3s.

29th February. Having agreed with Messrs. Cottam and Hallow to cast the arch for Clifton Bridge, attending them this day to give final directions when the drawings were delivered over, and they agreed to make the arch conformably thereto, and to deliver the same on the 1st of next July at Fenny Stratford for £12 per ton; also wrote to Mr. Forster, of Biggleswade, to ask his charge for freight of said bridge from Lynn, and about his having asked a larger compensation than was agreed to for his corner of land at Biggleswade Wash Brook...[No sum.]

22nd April. Writing long letter to Mr. Pearse on the subject of Mr. Elger's undertaking the brickwork of Clifton Bridge ....5s.

28th April. Writing long particular letter and copy to Mr. Elger on the subject of commencing the work at Clifton Bridge, requiring him 1stly, to name a gross sum for pulling down the old bridge, cleaning the bricks and clearing away the rubbish; 2ndly, on the means of diverting the river out of its course during the above, and while the new bridge was building; 3rdly, on the necessity of dams or stanks for getting the new foundation dry; and 4thly, to name a price per rod for brickwork, including all materials with Bedford stone, lime, &c.....15s. 6d.

16th June. Having yesterday received a letter from Mr. Elger stating that he had made considerable progress in forming the dams and clearing away the old bridge, and that he wished me to come down in about a week to see the foundations got in which he feared would be very bad and troublesome; I wrote to him that I would do so and requested him to apply to Mr. Palmer for leave to cut a temporary drain through his meadow to carry off the water; likewise writing to Cottam & Co. to expedite the iron arch, &c. .....7s.

23rd & 24th June. Attending both these days at Clifton to give directions about the foundation which I found so bad that I was compelled to order piling and planking, and to go to a greater depth than I had anticipated ..... £6 6s.

21st July. Attending Mr. Elger in London on the subject of the foundations of this bridge, considerable damage having been done to the same and to the dams by the late floods which rendered a great additional quantity of piling, stanking, brick and earth work necessary, as the soil was washed away to a great extent on both sides; likewise going with Mr. Elger to several places to endeavour to borrow a pile engine or two for the sake of expedition .....£1 8s.

26th, 27th, & 28th July. Attending these days at Clifton to inspect the state and progress of the work and give directions about the same, when I was obliged to order an additional pump on account of the great quantity of water in the bottom; and on the 28th went likewise to inspect the repairs of Great Barford Bridge which I found completed in a very satisfactory manner .....£12 12s.

29th July. Went this morning to inspect the repairs of Eaton Socon Bridge .....[No sum.]

30th July. Finding the iron bridge not yet arrived wrote a letter to Messrs. Cottam & Co. saying we were waiting for it, and to Mr. Harris of Fenny Stratford to give instant notice of its arrival and copies ...5s.

9th August. Having received a letter from Mr. Harris saying the iron arch had arrived, I wrote a letter ordering its immediate conveyance to Clifton .....2s. 6d.

1st to 20th September. On the delivery of the iron arch at Clifton it appeared that a mistake had occurred in making it 20 feet wide instead of 18 feet as ordered, which occasioned me much trouble and correspondence and ended in an arrangement that the price for an 18 feet arch only should be paid but that the abuttments were necessarily widened.....£1 1s.

25th to 28th September. Attending at Clifton to see the iron work properly fixed, to set out the wing walls and to measure the brickwork and timber used in the construction of this bridge, &c. .....£6 6s.

21st & 22nd October. Attending this day at Clifton Bridge now compleated, for the purpose of finally examining and measuring up the work; also to examine Holm Mill Bridge and Tempsford Bridge in consequence of a very heavy flood on the 10th inst., all of which I found in perfect repair; lastly to meet Mr. Clark to measure the work at Eaton Bridge which was not yet quite finished, &c.....£6 6s.

18th October. **Coroner's return** of the names and number of persons on whom inquests had been held in the county of Bedford from Easter to Michaelmas. 584

Michaelmas Sessions. **Account** of Theed Pearse for £72 6s. 2d. for work done for the county, amongst which are the following items :— 586

Order for payment of half expense of repairing Shefford Bridge and entering .....5s.

Entering resolution for discontinuing Mr. Millington in the office of county surveyor and for delivery of all his accounts up to the present time...5s.

Order to empower the visiting justices to contract with Mr. Silvester for warming and ventilating the lunatic asylum and with Mr. Elger for the necessary alterations, &c.....5s.

19th August. Attending the contractor's mason and writing long letter to Mr. Sylvester stating the difficulty that had arisen in consequence of the foundations of the lunatic asylum not being carried so low as the proposed excavations and the doubts of the safety of proceeding with the said excavations, &c. .....13s. 4d.

25th & 26th September. Writing to the clerks of the peace of Hunts., Herts., Berks., Northampton, Leicester, and Cambridge, stating the difficulty of procuring accommodation for the judges in this county, and enquiring how they were provided in those counties.....[No sum.]

27th October. **Account** of the Honble. Geo. Rice Trevor for £34 for 170 yards of stone used for Bromham Bridge. 590

Account of Theed Pearse for £16 6s. 7d. for Tempsford Bridge. 591

12th January. **Presentment** that that there is a certain common and ancient King's highway leading from the village of Cranfield to the town of Bedford, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Wootton, beginning at the boundary of the parish of Marston Moretain at a place called Upper Shelton, and so continued towards the town of Bedford, 7 furlongs and 28 poles long and 15 feet wide, is in a state of decay, and that the inhabitants of Wootton ought to repair the same. 649

13th April. **Statement** by Frederick Hervey Neve that he is possessed of sufficient estate to qualify him to act as a justice of the peace. 650

18th October. **Report**, dated at the Castle of Exeter and addressed to the justices of the peace for Devon, by a committee appointed by the said justices to enquire into the present state of the division of the counties of England, and of Devonshire in particular. *Copy.* 662

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107 Epiphany Sessions. **Order** that the models and copies of the imperial standards of length, weight, and measure, purchased for this county, be placed for safe custody with Messrs. Thomas and Benjamin Kilpin, ironmongers, Bedford. And that the charges payable by persons requiring the production of the same be as follows, viz. :—

For sizing, trying, and stamping :—

Measures of Capacity.	Measures of Weight.	Measures of length.
Bushel & Peck, 6d. each	All above 14 lbs., 6d. each	Of any kind, 2. each
All below the Peck, 4d. each	7 lbs. and 14 lbs., 3d. each	
	Below 7 lbs., 2d. each	

Further order made (upon representation that John Hopkins Warden, constable, of Bedford, had (describing himself as inspector of weights and measures), marked and altered certain weights, alledging thereby to render them conformable to the standards described in 5, Geo. IV., c. 74), that notice be published in the usual newspapers that neither John Hopkins Warden nor any other person, except Messrs. Thomas and Benjamin Kilpin, has been authorized by the magistrates to make or alter any such weights and measures in conformity to the said act.

140 27th February. **Order** that a certain part of a public footway, within the township of Luton, and leading from Luton to Caddington, commencing at an oak tree nearly opposite the gate leading to Stockwood House in Luton, and from thence crossing the road or highway leading from Luton to Caddington and Market Street, and passing through the said gate leading to Stockwood House at the north end of a close of Samuel Crawley, Esqr., called Long Whiplers, and over the land and grounds of the said Samuel Crawley, called Long Whiplers, the paddock, the cow pasture, and Five Acres Close to the west corner of the said close, and from thence across the said road from Luton to Caddington and Market Street, to a stile leading into a close of the said Samuel Crawley, called Farley Green, being of the length of 677 yards or thereabouts, and described in a plan—be diverted and turned, and that upon the completion of the proposed new footway in lieu thereof, over the lands and grounds of Samuel Crawley on the north side of the said road or highway leading from Luton to Caddington and Market Street, from the said oak tree to the said stile, in length about 662 yards, and in breadth 4 feet ; the old footway shall be stopped up, and the ground and soil thereof vested in the said Samuel Crawley in exchange for the said new footway.

141 27th February. **Consent** of Samuel Crawley, Esqr., to the making and continuing of the proposed new footway over his lands.

21st February. **Plan** of proposed new footway referred to in the foregoing order. 142

8th June. **Order** that a public footway of the length of about 123 yards, leading out of a public causeway and foothpath in the parish of Cranfield, near the new George public-house in the county of Bedford, from a westerly point marked A on the plan annexed, in and through the church yard of the said parish in an easterly direction into another public causeway and footpath leading to Tartlet End in the said parish, to a point marked B on the said plan; and also a certain other public footpath leading out of the said public causeway or footpath nearly opposite to a bakehouse and tenement occupied by Charles Goodman, from a certain other point marked C on the said plan in a southerly direction, of the length of 82 yards or thereabouts, through the said churchyard to a point in the said plan marked D, and from thence in a south-west and westerly direction into and through closes belonging to John Paine, Esqr., in Cranfield, of the length of 293 yards, or thereabouts, to a stile in a public footway in the said parish leading to the parish of Holcot in the said county marked E on the said plan—may be stopped up, and in respect of the first described footpath, that a more commodious footway of the length of 48 yards in lieu thereof, be set out for the use of the public, commencing at the said point marked A on the plan, near the new George public-house, in a northerly direction to the said public causeway or footpath at a point marked G on the plan, on the outside of the said churchyard which bounds the north and east sides thereof. 143

8th June. **Plan** referred to in the foregoing order. 144

Notice that the foregoing order will be lodged with the Clerk of the Peace and will be confirmed and enrolled, unless upon an appeal against the same it be otherwise determined. 145

8th December. **Deposition** of William Carrington, of Biggleswade. 350

"I am a carrier and proprietor of a waggon from Biggleswade to London. Between 4 and 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon the two prisoners, with a third person, came to my house to enquire at what time my waggon would set out for London, adding that they would have two boxes to send by it. I informed them the waggon would start at 5 o'clock on the following morning, but that the boxes must be sent to the offices in the course of the evening.

The prisoners replied that they could not get them ready until half-past four in the morning, by which time they would bring the boxes to the office. The prisoners were strangers, and their appearance and conduct excited my suspicion, which I communicated to the Reverend Mr. Brown, who, with other neighbours and the watchman agreed to come to my house to await the arrival of the prisoners. About the time appointed, viz.: half-past four, the two prisoners with their companion came to my house with a large deal box corded and screwed. As soon as they

entered the yard I ordered the gates to be locked, mentioned my suspicions, and refused to allow the box to go by the waggon unless it were previously opened in my presence. The parties having refused I immediately began to uncord the box, which at that time stood behind the waggon. Whilst I was so employed, Webb, the watchman, told me that two of the party had jumped over the yard paling and made their escape. One of the prisoners he then held in custody, whom I ordered the constable (who was also present assisting) to take to the Catherine Wheel Public House. I afterwards heard that another of the party had been secured and taken to the same place, whither I went and found both the prisoners in custody ; they were afterwards brought to my house, and as soon as it was daylight the constable, in their presence, opened the box which contained a corpse in a fresh and perfect state, and which appeared to have been recently disinterred. There was also in the box a quantity of sawdust."

352 8th December. **Deposition** of the Reverend Robert George Sucklin Brown :—

"On Wednesday, December 6th, I buried a corpse in the churchyard of Biggleswade. I have this morning caused the grave to be opened and upon examination of the coffin, it was discovered that the corpse had been taken away. The linen in which the corpse was buried was in the coffin, the grave from the appearance of the earth appeared to have been very recently disturbed."

374 27th February. **Certificate** that such part of the footway leading from Luton to Caddington as has been turned and diverted by an order dated 27th February is completed and put into good condition and repair.

375 5th April. **Certificate** that a new highway leading from the parish of Cople in the Hundred of Wixamtree, towards the parish of Northill, and through the lands and grounds of John Duke of Bedford, of the length of about 255 yards, from a garden in the occupation of John Dunham in the said parish of Cople, to a close of pasture in the occupation of William Freer and of the breadth of about 30 feet, and a certain other part of the said new highway, leading towards Waterend otherwise Woodend through the lands and grounds of the said Duke of Bedford, of the length of about 137 yards, from a stump or post in a close called Green Close to a cottage in the occupation of John Stocker, and of the breadth of about 30 feet, has been completed and put into good condition and repair.

376 11th July. **Certificate** that a common and ancient King's highway, leading from the village of Cranfield, towards the town of Bedford situate in the parish of Wootton, and beginning at the boundary of the parish of Marston Moretain at a place called Upper Shelton, and so continued towards the town of Bedford, for the length of 7 furlongs and 28 poles and being of the breadth of 15 feet, has been repaired.

25th December. **Certified return** of the Bedfordshire Regiment of Militia, consisting of 1 Colonel (Sir John Osborn), 1 Lieutenant Colonel (Gilpin), 1 Major (Horner), 4 Captains (Wallis, Davis, Campbell and Higgins), 4 Lieutenants (Hankins, Rix, Harrison and Morris), 2 Ensigns (Broderick and Tripbrook), 1 Adjutant (Leech), 1 Surgeon (Hyne), 1 Paymaster, 1 Assistant Surgeon, 1 Quarter Master, 11 Serjeants, 11 Corporals, 7 Drummers, and 315 rank and file. Wanting to complete, 2. 396

3rd April. **Account** of Mr. Foster's claim for compensation for land taken from his pasture or close on widening Washbrook Bridge near Biggleswade, as agreed to be allowed by Mr. Millington.....£5 465

To damage sustained by land washed away from the said pasture by various floods, etc., in consequence of the new direction of the water course not being properly secured by planking, and also by young thriving trees washed down. The number of trees 2 oak, and 3 elms and poplars, £5. Total £10.

5th May. **Account** of John Sylvester :— 486

To attendance at Bedford to examine the Lunatic Asylum with a view of warming and ventilating the same .....£5 5s.

Travelling and other expenses .....£3 18s. 6d.

To warm air stoves and superintendence upon the erection of the same according to agreement £359

To two ventilating stoves at £9 each £18

Attendance at Bedford giving instructions for the flues belonging to the stoves in the new building attached to the asylum, one day £3

To attendance at Bedford to examine the work of the stoves and flues erected in the new building and giving instructions for the completion of the work ; 2 days at 3 guineas per day .....£6 6s.

Travelling and other expenses .....£2 12s. 6d.

4th April to 15th June. **Account** for repairs to Washbrook Bridge £97 5s. 3d. 506

10th October. **Account** of William Berrill, junr. :— 530

To digging out and making a large brick barrell drain from the bottom part of Well Street to a point given in Water Lane in St. Paul's parish Bedford as per estimate.....£143

547 17th October. **Estimate** by William Berrill, junr., for digging out and making a barrell drain, 3 feet wide, 2 feet 6 inches deep in the clear, of 4½ inch brickwork to the lower part, and 9 inch brickwork to the upper part, laid in strong mortar the same as the present new drain, and to extend from the end of the new drain to the river 79 yards in length, in a line through the corner of Mr. Barnard's meadow to the deep water; with strong stone work to the end of arch, and making dams and getting out water, etc. To complete in a workmanlike manner for the sum of.....£81 10s.

562 8th November. **Estimate** of W. Berrill, junr., for building an 18 inch stone wall to bank side of Mr. Barnard's meadow, from the point the drain enters the meadow to a willow tree at the corner, about 100 feet in length, will cost .....£12 10s.

563 **Account** of Francis Giles for inspecting Bromham, Holme Mill, Shefford, Eaton Socon, Tempsford and Barford Bridges, and Bedford drain, directing repairs, attending at Sessions, etc. .....£132 5s. 6d.

565—585 **Various Accounts** of Thomas Elger for work done at the Lunatic Asylum.

576 1825—26. **Account** of Thomas Elger for extra bricklayers work at the Lunatic Asylum :—

The large new coal vault and small beer cellar .....£42 12s. 7d.

Extra bricklayers, plasterers and slaters work to the new male and female wards, consisting of additional foundations and digging to the same. An additional "10 : 10" length of building to form the dead rooms, etc., and the panelling to the front boundary walls, gauged arches to the circular windows in the back walls of the new cells. Whitewashing the new ceilings and limewashing the walls once, extra digging out the ground, and turning an 18 inch gun barrell drain, and paving the open sheds .....£263 7s. 6½d.

Extra bricklayers, plasterers and slaters work to the old wards and yards, consisting of works to the new open sheds and covered ways. Raising the old external and internal walls, and whitewashing and limewashing the old cells and day rooms, &c. .....£192 5s. 6d.

606 1825—1826. **Account** of Thomas Elger for work done extra from contract at the Lunatic Asylum .....£1835 10s. 9¼d.

649 1st October. **Indictment** of Michael Foster, late of Luton, labourer, for disturbing a certain congregation of protestant dissenters from the Church of England, at a chapel situated in Luton.

668 8th December. **Indictment** of George Lester, late of the parish of Biggleswade, labourer, and William Smith, late of the same, labourer, for entering the churchyard at Biggleswade and breaking open the grave of one, John Cooper, lately interred, and carrying away the body.

10th January. **Letter** from Thomas Eiger to chairman and justices of the county of Bedford, requesting them to desire Mr. Millington to revise the account for work done in rebuilding Clay Bridge, near Clifton, on the ground that the prices he had allowed were not sufficient to remunerate him. 672

27th March. **Letter** dated at Huntingdon, from John Sweeting to Theed Pearce, clerk of the peace for the county of Bedford. 674

"I am directed by the magistrates acting for this county, to acquaint you that last week a pass was granted from St. Albans to Market Street, ordering some persons to be conveyed from thence in the direct way through Carlisle to the western part of Scotland, and that the constables instead of carrying them through the counties of Bedford and Northampton, they were brought to St. Neots in this county and there left. A similar circumstance arose of vagrants having been sent from Chelmsford to Bishop Stortford, when instead of proceeding the direct way to Liverpool, they were sent to St. Neots. The justices beg you will inform the magistrates of this at the next General Sessions, that they may give directions to their officers to prevent similar occurrences."

16th October. **Letter** from Solomon Piggon, rector of Dunstable, to the presiding justice at Quarter Sessions, on behalf of David Cooper, 17 years of age, who had committed a felony. 679

10th July. **Memorial** of the trustees of Shefford Bridge. 696

"At a meeting of the feoffees of the Shefford Charity, holden the 10th July, Mr. Giles' report of Shefford South Bridge and plan for a proposed enlargement, were delivered to them by the Clerk of the Peace by an order of the court, and taken into consideration. The feoffees then present beg leave to state to the magistrates assembled, that they are of opinion the obligations and duties of their trust do not permit them to be parties in the erection of any new bridge, or in the enlargement of the old one. And if any alteration be thought convenient to the public, that the expense ought not to fall in any degree upon the funds of a private charity. The present bridge is quite sufficient for all the purposes of the town of Shefford."

"With respect to the removal of the guard posts, the feoffees are unanimously of opinion that such removal would very greatly endanger the safety of all foot passengers. The footway in its widest part being only four feet, after allowing for an eaves dropping, and towards the bridge it becomes much narrower."

"The feoffees moreover beg leave to observe that the projected enlargement or widening of the bridge, being on the same side of the river as the footpath is, the danger to passengers will be still more increased."

699 11th December. **Declaration** by John Flint, of Leighton Buzzard, that he has two printing presses and types for printing, which he purposes to use within the said parish, and which he requires to be entered for that purpose in pursuance of an Act 39, Geo. III.

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51 January. **Gaol Return.** George Lester and William Smith, sentenced to pay a fine of £10 each, and to be severally imprisoned in the common gaol for three months; and further, until the said fines shall be paid for breaking a grave, digging up and taking away a dead body.

125 16th October. **Order** (made upon representation that some paupers ordered to be removed through the county to Ireland and Scotland, bring with them heavy luggage, and one of them lately brought luggage to the extent of 150 lbs. weight, and that several have dresses entirely inconsistent with their assumed character of paupers); that Jonathan Nunn, the contractor for removing Irish and Scotch paupers through the county, be authorized to refuse to convey any luggage unless the pauper or paupers claiming the same do go before a Justice of the Peace, and explain to the satisfaction of such Justice, the nature of such luggage and a reasonable cause for its being conveyed with such pauper or paupers; and such Justice is requested, if he be satisfied with the explanation given, to certify the same under his hand, with a permission for the conveyance of such luggage at the expense of the county.

129 22nd March. **Order** that a certain public footway, of the length of about 608 yards, and leading from a certain other public footway from Ampthill to Flitton, from a southerly point at a hand gate at the corner of Allen's Close in Ampthill, marked A on the plan annexed; in an easterly and north-easterly direction in and through a certain close, called Seven Path Close, belonging to George Exton; and also in and through a certain other close, called Town Close, part of the estate of the feoffees of the Ampthill Charity Estates; and also in and through a certain other close, called Lady Mead, belonging to Thomas Gibbs; and also in and through a certain other close, called Duck Riddy, another part of the estate of the said feoffees (all which said closes are in the parish of Ampthill) to the road leading from Ampthill to Malden to a point marked B on the said plan—may be stopped up as useless and unnecessary, there being no direct communication from any place whatsoever in a line or in the direction of the same; and that the surveyor of the highways for the parish of Ampthill shall sell and dispose of the said footway and the ground and soil thereof, to the proprietor or proprietors whose lands and closes adjoin, if he or they shall be willing to purchase the same for the full value thereof.

130 22nd March. **Plan** of the footway referred to in the foregoing order.

131 22nd March. **Notice** that the foregoing order will be lodged with the Clerk of the Peace, and will be confirmed and enrolled, unless upon an appeal against the same to be then made, it be otherwise determined.

2nd July. **Order** that a certain part of a public highway, within the Hamlet of Leegrave, leading from Leegrave towards Dunstable, and commencing at the north-west corner of a certain close belonging to the Reverend Sir John Filmer, bart., near the gate leading to Lewsey farm house in the hamlet of Leegrave, and from thence passing along the side of the hedge through a certain close belonging to John Duke of Bedford, in a westerly direction until it enters the parish of Houghton Regis, and being of the length of 649 yards, and described in a plan annexed, may be diverted and turned, and that a course proposed for the new highway in lieu thereof, over the lands and grounds of the said Duke of Bedford on the east side of the said close belonging to the said Duke, and along the side of a hedge in a southerly direction from the north-west corner of the said close belonging to the said Sir John Filmer into the public highway leading from Luton to Dunstable, of the length of 650 yards, and of the breadth of 20 feet, being completed; the said old highway shall be stopped up, and the ground and soil thereof vested in the said John Duke of Bedford in exchange for the said new highway. 132

30th June. **Consent** of John Duke of Bedford to the making and continuing of the foregoing proposed new highway. 133

Plan of the said proposed new highway. 134

15th November. **Order** made upon viewing a certain part of an ancient highway in the parish of Cranfield, leading from a way post at Gallow Highway to the gate at the corner of Moulsoe Wood, in the county of Buckingham, commencing at an easterly point marked B on the plan annexed, near to a certain close or ground called Sugar's Piece, leading in south-westerly and north-westerly directions, of the length of about 500 yards, to a point on the west side of lands belonging to Thomas Stapleton, in Crossland Furlong in Stillipers Field in Cranfield, marked C on the plan; and also upon viewing a certain new road set out in lieu thereof from the said point on the plan marked B, leading in a straight line into and over lands of Joseph Ashby Partridge, Esqr., Edward Odell, the said Thomas Stapleton, John Odell, and the Reverend ———— Fry, situate in Crossland Furlong, of the length of 412 yards, and of the breadth of 30 feet, to the said point marked on the plan C—that the first described highway shall be stopped up, and the land and soil thereof be sold by the surveyors of the highways of the parish of Cranfield to the party or parties whose land or lands adjoin thereto, if he or they be willing to purchase the same for the full value thereof; and in respect of the above described new road or highway, that it shall be diverted and turned through the said lands and Furlong; and that the said surveyors shall forthwith treat and make agreement with the above mentioned owners of land for recompense to be made for the said ground, and the making of such ditches and fences as shall be necessary. And it is further ordered that an equal assessment, not exceeding the rate of 6d. in the pound, be levied upon all the occupiers of lands, tenements, woods, tithes and hereditaments in the said parish of Cranfield. The justices are fully satisfied that the above mentioned new highway is now properly made and completed. 136

137 15th November. **Plan** of the new highway referred to in the foregoing order.

424 24th April. **Certificate** that a part of Bromham Bridge, being over the River Ouze, in the parish of Biddenham, is repaired.

425 25th April. **Certificate** that a certain highway in the parish of Streatly, commencing at the Church Green in the said parish, to the turnpike road leading from the hamlet of Silsoe, towards Luton, and continuing in length 4620 feet, is repaired.

426 6th July. **Certificate** that part of the highway leading from Leegrave to Dunstable which has been diverted and turned, is completed.

454 Easter Sessions: **Report** of the Clerk of the Peace pursuant to an order directing him to ascertain whether Holm Mill Bridge be a county bridge.

"In pursuance of the above mentioned order I have made enquiries in the neighbourhood of the bridge, and find that it has been repaired when necessary by the owners or occupiers of the Holm Mill and never by the county. On applying to Mr. Mark Norman, now residing at Langford, who for a period of 40 years was the occupier of the mill, he informed me that the present bridge was built under his direction about 50 years ago, on the site of a former one which had fallen to decay, and the expense of the building was repaid to him by Dr. Weyman the then proprietor of the mill: that by the direction of his landlord he repaired the bridge from time to time when necessary, the expense of which was allowed to him on settling his rent, that he has heard his uncle (who preceeded him in the occupation of the mill) say that previous to the erection of the mill, the highway was through a ford which became impassable on the water being raised by embankments to form a head to work the mill."

"The present mill is a flat structure over the mill head, and only a few inches above the surface of the water, which by means of the embankment is considerably above the level of the adjoining lands. Under the above circumstances I do not think the county liable to the repair of the bridge."

455 20th April. **Report** of Francis Giles of Salisbury Street, London in which he states that upon inspecting Holme Mill Bridge, he finds that the railing and other wood work of this bridge is in an indictable state, and that he has been requested by Mr. Astell to report the very dangerous position of the angular railing at the south corner of the approach to Girtford Bridge, and that he finds upon examination of the same, that the remedy will be to round or smooth off this angular corner, which might be done by means of a dwarf wall and railing similar to the present fence, but that he should recommend in preference to that a guard wall altogether and no railing.

Midsummer Sessions. **Report** of the visiting justices of the Lunatic Asylum, in which they state that they have deferred making arrangements for establishing a resident medical superintendent in the said asylum, in consequence of a measure having been announced in parliament for enabling the justices and visitors to appoint medical residents in public lunatic asylums under certain regulations and they think that they will be able to give a better opinion on this important subject after it shall have received the benefit of parliamentary investigation. 457

25th December. **Certified return** of the Bedfordshire regiment of Militia consisting of 1 Colonel (Sir John Osborn) 1 Lieutenant-Colonel (Gilpin), 1 Major (Horner), 4 Captains (Wallis, Davies, Campbell and Higgins), 5 Lieutenants (Hankin, Rix, Harrison, Morris and Gosling), 2 Ensigns (Broderick and Trephook), 1 Adjutant (Leech), 1 Surgeon (Hyne), 1 Paymaster 1 assistant surgeon, 1 Quarter Master, 11 Serjeants, 11 Corporals, 7 drummers and 317 Rank and file. 459

8th January. **Account** of W. Berrill Junr., by order of Mr. Giles for work at Barford Bridge £88 14s. 5d. 491

Francis Giles recommends that £80 be paid on account of the above bill and that the balance be reserved until further work is done to the paving "under the arches" of Barford Bridge.

8th January. **Account** of the expenses defrayed by Francis Giles upon the partial works of Washbrook, Biggleswade Girtford and Tempsford Bridges £33 7s. 2d. 494

8th January. **Account** of W. B. Usher, for work done to Barford Bridge £7 16s. 9d. 496

8th January. **Account** of W. B. Usher, for repairs to Great Barford Bridge £61 15s. 3d. 498

9th January. **Account** of John Tregenza, Keeper of the new House of Correction for certain articles supplied to prisoners, etc. 499

	£	s.	d.
To ½ cwt. of soap (Mr. Robinson)	1	16	0
,, 22 truss of straw (Mr. Parker)	1	0	0
,, 3 lbs. of Candles and 3 lbs. of rushlights	0	3	6
,, Tucker and witness (whipping)	0	3	6
,, Cash to prisoners on discharge	2	19	0
,, Stephen Prior, for shaving, etc.	1	10	0
,, Tea, sugar, etc., to females in lieu of soup (sic)	3	6	0
,, Beer to females when washing	0	15	0
,, Beer to men employed in the drains	1	3	9
,, Gin to ditto, per order of the surgeon	0	3	0
,, James Crowsley, spice gruel 24 days at 6d.	0	4	8
,, Postage during the quarter	0	0	10
,, Making 16 prison shirts	0	16	0
,, a quarter's salary	35	0	0

517 to 522 October, 1826—January, 1827. **Accounts** of Theed Pearse, Clerk of the Peace, for the county of Bedford .....£92 10s. 6d.

577 24th April. **Account** of Thomas Elger for alterations and repairs at the County Hall.

To making sundry alterations in the Court, consisting of enlarging the counsel pew, forming two new seats for the attorneys. Altering and enlarging the dock, and preparing and fixing up new seats under the gallery for the public, and additional enclosed benches between the dock and the counsel pew, preparing and fixing round the bend a new oak desk with inkstands, converting and fixing the old narrow desk into a ledge or shelf under the new one, and clearing and scraping the old coping, and attering the large table, etc. .....£47 16s. 2d.

620 10th April—June. **Account** of Wm. Wade for repairs to the Bedfordshire side of St. Neots Bridge..... ..£17 6s. 5d.

621 10th April—6th July. **Account** of William Clark for the same as above .....£19 5s.

622 3rd March to 14th April. **Account** of W. B. Usher for work done to Washbrook and Biggleswade Bridges.....£21 6s. 3d.

623 23rd June to 3rd July. **Account** of W. B. Usher for Tempsford Bridge "wharffing" .....£42 14s. 9d.

624 May—July. "An abstracted prime cart account" of Thomas Gwyn Elger for time and materials, etc., used at Clifton Bridge.

To taking up the camp sheeting forming a stark to turn the water, digging out, pumping the water and working in the foundations, and building new wing walls, rebuilding the fence walls and coping them with Ketton stone, levelling and making good the banks on each side, and painting the bridge twice over in oil colours, etc. .....£390 17s. 11d.

631 2nd May—9th June. **Account** of Jos. Berrill for bricklayers work, etc., to the County Goal.

675 16th October. **Account** of Thomas Warner, goaler.

To one quarter's salary due... .....£50 0s. 0d.

679 2nd July. **Account** James T. Wing.

To taking down, repairing and resetting part of the parapet walls of Tempsford Bridge, pointing the joints and taking up the kerb-stone, levelling the ground and resetting the same ....£10 16s. 11d.

681 2nd October. **Account** of W. Berrill, Junr.

To balance of accounts delivered for repairs at Great Barford Bridge in October, 1826.....£8 14s. 5d.

1st September—29th. **Account** of W. B. Usher. 685 & 686

To the stone mason's work at Holme Bridge.....£37 1s. 2d.
To new bridge on the road leading from Broom to Biggleswade, by Holme Mills .....£91 7s. 3d.

9th July. **Estimate** by Francis Giles, for rounding the angular corner of Girtford Bridge by means of a guard wall etc. The cost to be rather more than £20 0s. 0d. 706

28th July—25th August. **Account** of W. B. Usher. 693 & 694

To widening the road at the South-west wing of Girtford Bridge..£24 0s. 7d.
Girtford Bridge, post and railing at the wing wall .....£9 2s. 4d.

Abstract of amount of work done in warming and ventilating the wards of the Bedford Lunatic Asylum—by Thomas G. Elger. 714

The old building (one of the wings).

Work done as per contract.....£130 0s. 0d.
Ditto extra..... £91 0s. 0d.
The other wing, contract and extra.....£221 0s. 0d.

The new building (one of the wings).

Work done as per contract ..... £40 0s. 0d.
Extra from contract.....£128 3s. 9d.
The other wing, contract and extra .....£168 3s. 9d.

Amount deducted for warm air flues as intended .....£25 0s. 0d.
The new coal vault.....£32 1s. 9d.

9th July. **Presentment** that Shefford North Bridge, over the river Ivel, in the highway leading from Bedford towards Hitchin in the county of Hertford is in great decay, and very narrow, and that the battlements not being of sufficient height, passengers are in danger of falling into the river, and it is further presented that the inhabitants of the county of Bedford ought to repair the said bridge. 739

9th July. **Presentment** as above in respect of Shefford South Bridge. 741

21st November. **Indictment** of James Burns of Great Barford, labourer, and William Lloyd of the same, labourer, for obtaining parish relief by means of a forged certificate, purporting to be given by two justices of the peace for the borough and port of Liverpool. 796

819 19th May. **Copy of a letter** from Francis Giles, surveyor for the county of Bedford, to Mr. Robert Laxton, Holme Mills.

"On the part of the county of Bedford I have to request that you will inform me whether you will consent to the drawing down your water of Holme Mill Head, during the progress of rebuilding or repairing from time to time, the bridge across the said Mill Head, provided the county should undertake to rebuild and maintain that bridge for the future, and provided also, that the drawing down your said water should not exceed 12 working days, during the progress of rebuilding the said bridge at any one time, nore more than 2 days at any one time during the execution of any partial repairs to the said bridge."

"If you think proper to agree to the foregoing propositions, I will lay your agreement before the magistrates of the county of Bedford at the next Quarter Sessions and then inform you whether the county will undertake the rebuilding and maintainance of the above bridge, or not accordingly."

820 9th July. **Letter** from same to the magistrates of the county of Bedford, regarding Clifton Bridge.

"I have directed the necessary works for securing the abutments and wing walls of this bridge to be executed. I have also found it necessary to take down the parapet walls and to rebuild them, also to cover them with a proper stone coping.

"These works have been executed by Mr. T. G. Elger whose accounts for them I herewith present, amounting to.....£390 17s. 11d.

"It was impossible (as I observed to the court at the last Epiphany Session) to correctly estimate the cost of these works, and I found that the south abutment of the bridge was undermined 3 or 4 feet, and that it was necessary to go very deep into the bed of the river to obtain a good foundation for the purpose of underpinning this abutment, and also for building the very long wing walls to it. The parapet walls required also taking down and entirely rebuilding and coping with stone, and the iron work to be painted."

"I have had the whole substantially executed and I hope this bridge will now be found to be durable."

821 9th July. **Letter** from the same to the same regarding Tempsford Bridge.

"I have directed the necessary repairs of the parapet walls to be made by Mr. Wing of Bedford (a mason) but he has not yet completed them. A further work was necessary at this bridge, that is, the camp sheeting of timber on the north west side of it wanted reinstating. I have accordingly had this done by Mr. W. B. Usher whose account of it I herewith present amounting to ....£42 14s. 9d."

9th July. **Letter** from the same to the same respecting Eaton Socon Bridge. 822

"I have directed the necessary repairs to be made to Eaton Socon Bridge and they have been made by Mr. William Wade (a mason) and Mr. William Clarke (a bricklayer) whose account I herewith present amounting to .....£36 10s. 5d."

9th July. **Letter** from the same to the same regarding Biggleswade Bridge. 823

"I have directed the rails to the north end of this bridge to be put up. Some stone was also necessary to the N.E. wing wall, which I have also directed to be done, and both these works have been executed by Mr. W. B. Usher whose account I herewith present amounting to .....£21 6s. 3d.

9th July. **Letter** from the same to the same regarding Holme Mill Bridge. 824

"I have inspected this bridge and I think before any works of it be undertaken by the county it will be highly necessary to get Mr. Laxton, the proprietor of Holme Mill, to consent, in writing, to the use of the above mill waters without charge from him, during either the repairs or rebuilding of this bridge. I have therefore written to Mr. Laxton upon this subject, a copy of which letter I beg now to present to the court, to which I have not yet received Mr. Laxton's answer, but I have conferred with him upon the subject and I have reason to believe that he will consent to the propositions which I have made to him. As soon as he does so, I will have the necessary repairs executed, but the bridge will not want rebuilding at present."

28th July. **Letter** dated at Buckworth, from Robert Laxton to Francis Giles. 824a

"Agreeable to your request I hereby agree to draw the water at Holme Mill in the parish of Southill Bedfordshire as follows. For rebuilding the bridge over the Mill Head, 8 days. For repairing the bridge, 2 days one week. Notice being previously given when occasion of repairs may require."

16th October. **Letter** from Francis Giles to the magistrates of the county of Bedford, in which he states that he has found the top of Holme Mill Bridge, which consisted of wood to be so much decayed, as to require nearly the whole of the woodwork to be renewed, and that the foundation walls were also very much delapidated, and he accordingly had the bridge substantially repaired by Mr. W. B. Usher. 825

(See also Nos. 685 and 686)

826 16th October. **Letter** from the same to the same regarding Girtford Bridge.

"I have had the angular corner of the north-west side of Girtford Bridge rounded, so as to remove the former damage to carriages in crossing this bridge. In executing this work a long masonry wall with top railing was removed and rebuilt, and the foundation for the new wall has unavoidably been carried much deeper than was expected to be necessary. This work has been performed by Mr. W. B. Usher, whose account I herewith present amounting to .....£33 3s. 11d.

829 5th January. **Declaration** by Charles Thomas Gardner of Biggleswade, that he has a printing press and types, which he proposes to use for , and which he requests may be entered for that purpose in pursuance of a Act 39 Geo. III.

830 12th December. **Statement** by Thomas Gwyn Elger as to the work for which he has contracted for warming and ventilating the different wards of the Lunatic Asylum.

831 **Plan** apparently relating to the above statement.

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67 28th March. **Recommendation** by certain justices, of Mr. Nathaniel Cartwright, of Dunstable, as one of the High Constables of the hundred of Manshead.

68 15th January. **Appointment** (under the Risely Enclosure Act, 33 Geo. III.), of Benjamin Welstead of Kimbolton, gent. and Thomas Bloodworth of the same, gent. to enquire the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat within the county for the space of 10 years last past.

69 15th January. **Similar appointment** (under the Shelton Enclosure Act, 34 Geo. III.) of the same persons.

70 15th January. **Appointment** (under the Henlow Enclosure Act 35 Geo. III.) of the Revd. Edmond Williamson of Campton, and the Revd. Robert Porter Beachcroft of Blunham, to enquire as to the same matter.

71 15th January. **Order** that the yearly tithe rent of £329 0s. 8¼d. payable to the Vicar of Henlow (the Rev. William Burgess Haynes) shall be decreased to £255 9s. 0d.

The foregoing order was made upon a report re Henlow corn rent, that the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat within the county of Bedfordshire for 10 years past was 7s. 8d. per bushel. This report is dated probably in error 19th March, 1828.

15th January. **Nomination of justices** as visitors of the Gaol and House of Correction. 72

15th April. **Similar nomination.** 83

15th July. **Order** that the yearly tithe rent of £259 10s. 1d. payable to the vicar of Risely shall be decreased to £173 6s. 7¾d. 93

16th July. **Appointment** (under the Blunham and Northill Enclosure Act 36 Geo. III.) of William Wells Gardener of Biggleswade, gent., and Thomas Bloodworth of Kimbolton gent., to enquire the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat within the county for the last 15 years. 94

15th July. **Order** that the yearly tithe of £206 13s. 11¾d., payable to the Rector of Shelton shall be decreased to £138 1s. 98

14th October. **Order** that the yearly tithe of £567 16s. 5d. payable to the Rector of the parish of Blunham shall be decreased to £456 11s. 11¼d. 106

14th October. **Order,** under the Act 9 Geo. IV., appointing eight special sessions to be held in each of the following divisions for the hundreds of Barford, Stodden and Willey, at the "Tinker" in Turvey; for the hundreds of Biggleswade, Clifton and Wixamtree, at the "Swan" Inn in Biggleswade, for the hundred of Manshead at the "George" Inn in Woburn; for the hundred of Flitt, at the "George" Inn in Luton; and for the hundred of Redbornstoke, at the "White Hart" in Ampthill. 113

10th December. **Order** that a foot way within the parish of Flitwick in the hundred of Redbornstoke, lying between Flitwick and Tingrith and being of the length of about 312 yards, be diverted and turned through the lands of John Thomas Brooks Esqr. of Flitwick. 161

10th December. **Consent** of the said John Thomas Brooks to the making and continuing the said new footway in consideration of the old footway being vested in him. 162

Order that the said old footway be stopped up. 163

Plans of the old and new footway referred to in the foregoing order. 164 & 165

167 10th December. **Order** that a certain part of a highway within the parish of Flitwick, lying between Flitwick and Tingrith for the length of about 633 yards, and described in a plan annexed, be diverted and turned, and that an equal assessment of 6d. in the pound be made upon all the occupiers of lands, tenements, woods, tithes and hereditaments, in the said parish, and that the money arising therefrom, be applied in making recompence to John Thomas Brooks Esqr. for the ground, and the making of such ditches and fences as shall be necessary in the construction of a proposed new highway, in length 643 yards and in breadth 20 feet, through his lands.

168 **Order** that the old highway of the length of 633 yards and of the breadth of 28 feet, be stopped up and the land and soil thereof be sold by the surveyors of the highways of the parish of Flitwick (where the old highway lies) to John Thomas Brooks Esqr. whose lands adjoin thereto, if he shall be willing to purchase the same for the full value thereof, if not, to some other person or persons for the same, reserving nevertheless to the said J. T. Brooks, Esqr., a free passage for persons, horses, cattle, and carriages through the land and soil of the said old highway, to and from the house, land and premises belonging to him, and now in his own occupation, and to and from the house and premises also belonging to him and now in the occupation of William Richardson, according to his ancient usage thereof.

Certificate that the said old highway was sold by the said surveyor to John Thomas Brooks, Esq., for £47 4s., which sum the said J. T. Brooks is ordered to pay to the said surveyor, to be applied in purchasing the land and making the new highway, and if any surplus remains, the same to be applied for the use of the highway within the parish of Flitwick.

Note that the above sum was received from John Thomas Brooks for the said consideration on 27th April, 1829, by Henry Brink.....Surveyor.

169 10th December. **Consent** of John Thomas Brooks Esqr. of Flitwick to the making of a new highway through his lands, and the removal of a cottage now standing at the entrance of the said proposed new highway as marked on the plan annexed, (or such part thereof as may be necessary) in consideration of the old highway being vested in him and also of the sum of £55.

170 & 171 **Plans** of the old and proposed new highway referred to in the foregoing order.

173 12th July. **Notice** of appeal on behalf of Malcolm Macqueen Esqr. of Ridgmont, against an assessment for the relief of the poor of that parish.

22nd August. **Information** of Charles Bailey of Bedford, surveyor of the Hitchin turnpike road, that Thomas Purser of the hamlet of East Cotts, in the parish of Cardington, being the driver of a cart, rode thereon along the turnpike road of the said hamlet, without having any person on foot or on horseback to guide the same contrary to statute made 3 Geo. IV. which has imposed a forfeiture of 40s. for the said offence. 357

24th November. **Deposition** of John Jones of Luton, straw-hat manufacturer. 398 & 399

"On Wednesday the 5th November instant about 7 o'clock in the evening, I came from the warehouse in the yard into the house and found a mob assembled in front of it throwing stones, brickbats etc., at the front of the house, and heard the breaking of the windows. I took no notice of them, nor did any one else to my knowledge, and after some time they went away.

"My brother was from home and I went up the town for him, and came home with him, about an hour afterwards we heard a great noise in the street, I went with my brother upstairs to see what it was and saw an immense mob of people coming up the street, towards the house with a tar barrel on fire blazing at both ends. When they arrived near the house they attacked it with stones and other missiles, brickbats, squibs and crackers and broke more of the windows and rolled the tar barrel to the boards in front of the new building and tried to set it on fire.

"My brother called out of the window to the mob and said if they did not take it away he would fire on them. The mob then rolled the tar barrel away and put it against the fence opposite the house and continued violently assaulting the house with stones etc. My brother still threatened to shoot them if they did not give over. I begged him not to fire though I felt the danger we were in.

"They rolled the barrel from the fence and then attempted to set fire to one of the cottages and my brother then fired the gun in the air over the field opposite the house, and the mob retired with the barrel down the road again. A few minutes after they returned again with the tar barrel and repeated the former violence, my brother again repeatedly cautioned them but they still persisted in their violence, and my brother at length fired across the road, but not in the direction of the mob, and again they retired down the lane with the barrel and apparently had gone away and I came down stairs with my brother.

"Shortly after we again heard them approaching with dreadful yelling and uproar, and I went with my brother upstairs to look out, and saw them approaching again with the blazing barrel, and distinctly heard some one at their head encouraging them on. They again repeated their attack with increased fury and struck my brother violently on the hat with a brick-bat, and I heard an exclamation in the crowd "There we've done for him now." I now began to be seriously alarmed and begged of my brother to fire at them as the only means of defending our lives and property from total destruction. My brother then fired in a direction over the heads of the mob, and I believe shot some of them.

"They then went away again with the barrel and I saw no more of it. During the last attack my brother called out to the crowd that he would shoot them if they did not desist, at least twenty times before he fired. I saw a lad of the name of Waller roll the tar barrell. I did not observe that any of the persons who rolled the tar barrel had any of their faces disguised. I did not see any guns, but heard the report of guns in the town."

439 16th January. **Certificate,** by two justices, that they have viewed a partly ancient and partly new highway in the parish of Cranfield, commencing at a guide post near the village of Cranfield, and ending at or near a wood called the Lower or lesser wood in Moulsoe in the county of Bucks. which said highway was indicted on 28th April 1824, and has since been partly turned and diverted, and a new highway set out in lieu thereof.

440 16th January. **Certificate** by two justices that Eaton Bridge in Eaton Socun, in the highway leading from Bedford to St. Neots, in the county of Huntingdon is repaired.

441 16th January. **Certificate** by two justices that Harrold Bridge in the several parishes of Harrold and Chellington, and situate in the highway leading from Harrold to Bedford, is repaired.

442 16th January. **Certificate** by two Justices that Clay Bridge, over a branch of the River Ivel, the south part whereof to the middle of the stream of the said river is in the parish of Clifton, and the north part to the middle of the said stream is in the parish of Southill, and situate in the highway leading from Henlow to Northill, is repaired.

443 16th January. **Certificate** by two justices that Barford Bridge over the river Ouze, and situate in the highway leading from Bedford to St. Neots, in the county of Huntingdon is repaired; one part of the said bridge is situate in the parish of Blunham and the other part in that of Great Barford.

444 & 445 16th April. **Certificates** that a certain highway leading from the village of Cranfield towards the town of Newport Pagnell in the county of Buckingham, situate in the parish of Cranfield, and commencing at a guide post near the said village and ending near a wood called the Lower and Lesser Wood in the parish of Moulsoe in the county of Buckingham is repaired. The said highway is in length 2,680 yards, and in breadth 22 feet.

474 25th December. **Certified return** of the Bedfordshire regiment of Militia, consisting of Colonel Sir John Osborn, Bart., Lieut. Colonel Gilpin, Major Horner, Captains Wallis, Davis, Campbell, and Higgins, Lieuts. Hankin, Rix, Harrison, Morris, Gosling, Ensigns Broderick and Triphook, Adjutant Leach, Surgeon Hyne, Paymaster Gosling, Assistant Surgeon Rix, Quarter Master Morris, 11 Serjeants, 11 Corporals, 7 drummers 317 privates.

4th July. **Report** (re. Risely corn rent) of Benjamin Welstead of Kimbolton, gent., Thomas Bloodworth of the same, gent., and Nevill Day, of St. Neots, gent. that the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat for the space of ten years last past within the county is 7s. 4d. 475

16th July. **Similar report** re. Shelton corn rent. 476

22nd September. **Report** (re. Blunham corn rent) of William Wells Gardiner of Biggleswade, gent., Thomas Bloodworth of Kimbolton, gent., and Miller Golding of Biddenham, gent., that the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat for 15 years last past, within the county, is 8s. 1½d. 477

13th December. **Report** (re. Maulden corn rent) of Thomas Bloodworth of Kimbolton, gent., Charles Austin of Ampthill, gent., and William Wells Gardner of Biggleswade, gent., that the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat within the county for the space of 14 years last past, is 7s. 11¾d. 478

15th July. **Report** of Theed Pearse Esqr. Clerk of the Peace, that he communicated to the trustees of the Hitchin turnpike road the report of Mr. Giles, and the order of Sessions thereon, "that if the trustees should agree to contribute £100 towards repairing the North Bridge and should signify the same to the Clerk of the Peace that he be authorized to direct the repairs to be carried into effect." 479

He has received the consent of the trustees to contribute the said amount, in consequence of which he communicated to Mr. Giles the orders of the court to proceed with the repairs, and reported that he had delivered to the feoffees of the Shefford Charity estate, copies of the said orders, and orders for re-building the South Bridge and repairing the North Bridge and also the copy of the resolutions of the court that, considering the feoffees of the Shefford Charity estate, are still liable under the feoffment, 10th February 1630, to repair the highways, causeways, and bridges, within the town of Shefford the court does accordingly hold the feoffees liable to continue to pay a proportion of the expences of repairing the South Bridge if rebuilt, and the North Bridge if repaired, at such proportions vizt. one half, as was determined by the Court and by the feoffees in 1803 and again at the midsummer sessions of 1825; and that copies of the said orders be sent to the feoffees.

15th January. **Estimate** for improvements to be carried out on that part of Harrold Bridge belonging to the county of Bedford.....£60 6s. 0d. 516

18th January. **Estimate** given by Francis Giles, civil engineer, of the probable expence of erecting a bridge over the south river at Shefford, having the use of the present materials and 30,000 new bricks, also stone for coping, together with a substantial cast iron top and railing for an opening or waterway of 16 feet at the least, and 22 feet clear width of roadway. 551

To taking down the present and cleaning the materials, cost of 30,000 new bricks, also of lime, sand, etc., and the labour of building the new abutments, wing walls and parapets.....£140 0s. 0d.

To 17 tons of iron work, including carriage fixing and painting it, at £13 per ton .....£221 0s. 0d.

To coping the parapet walls stone 130 lineal feet at 5s.....£32 10s. 0d.

To erecting stands and wood railing, turning water, pumping, diverting road and contingencies.....£106 10s. 0d.

591 12th April. **Statement** by Francis Giles in reference to Eaton road bridges :—

"I have had the necessary repairs made to the parapet walls, which had been in part wilfully thrown down and generally much dilapidated. It appears from the best information which I can collect that the above bridges were built about 30 years ago by Mr. Clark a builder of St. Neots (by contract) and that the expence of building them was paid by the trustees of the road."

Accounts follow for the above works for £64 18s. 7d.

592 12th April. **Account** of William Clark, for repairing brickwork at Eaton great bridge, by order of Mr. Giles .....£23 16s. 3d.

593 12th April. **Account** of W. B. Usher for work done to Eaton south and north bridges .....£20 15s. 11d.

594 12th April. **Statement** of accounts for the necessary partial repairs to Langford iron bridge, by Francis Giles, amounting to £7 6s. 5d.

595 12th April. **Statement** of accounts by Francis Giles for repairs to Tempsford Bridge amounting to £38 9s. 5d.

597 & 598 12th April. **Statement** by Francis Giles with reference to Holme Mill bridges. "In reference to the small arch on the east side of Holme Mill Bridge, I have inspected it, but it is not injured by a late flood as was represented, nor is it otherwise wanting any present repairs.

In reference to the new bridge at Holme Mill (built last year) there were some partial additions necessary to the fencing of the roadway which I have done ; and the account for the work (annexed) to W. B. Usher is £4 8s. 6d.

605 15th April. **Account** of Francis Giles, surveyor for the county of Bedford, for estimating attending certain meetings, and inspecting certain bridges, and directing repairs for the same, etc. ... .£45 17s.

15th April. **Extract** from bill of T. W. Warner goaler. 614

Execution of John Lincoln—

Executioner's fees	£3	3	0
Travelling Expences	1	0	0
Expences whilst here	0	10	0
Rope and cords	0	3	6
The knell	0	1	6
Men, beer at the drop	0	2	0

Easter 1827—1828. **Account** of the receipts and expenditures of the county lunatic asylum. 626

Receipts.

By maintenance of patients	£1561	0	0
By cash for board of Mrs. Yandall	15	12	0
By cash from county fire office	7	0	0

Expenditure.

Butter, 963 lbs. price 10½d.—1s. 6d.	£45	18	6
Baking	33	3	0
Cheese 1447 lbs. price 6d.—7d.	36	6	10
Candles 36 doz. p. 6d.	11	14	0
Coals, 80 chaldns.	184	10	0
Cooper	2	5	0
Carrier	8	16	6
Carpenter, bricklayer and glazier	23	0	0
Chimney sweeping	1	7	0
Drapery	116	17	2
Drugs	7	9	9
Eggs	0	12	7
Earthenware	4	6	6
Garden seeds and labour	8	4	1
Hay, 1 ton	4	0	0
Hops 124 lbs.	6	10	0
Ironmonger	16	19	4
Meat, 10,457 lbs. 6d.—6½d.	307	19	10
Malt 124 bushels	51	10	0
Mops and brushes	10	10	3
Oatmeal 10 sacks	34	7	6
Poor rates £5 9s. 1½d. Church £2 8s. 6d. and Compr. £1 7s. 3d.	9	4	10
Plums and currants	0	11	3
Rent	18	0	0
Soap	53	12	3
Starch	1	9	6
Shoes	48	16	10
Salt, 15 bhs.	1	11	2
Snuff 17 lbs. Tobacco 14 lbs.	7	7	6
Spirits and Brandy £2 17s. 8d. Ginn 2 8 0	5	5	8

Apothecary's salary	£21	0	0
Governor's ditto	80	0	0
Sugar (loaf) 104 lbs.	4	15	8
Ditto (moist) 392 lbs.	12	6	4
Stationery	7	1	10
Sand	1	8	9
Straw	22	5	0
Tea 69 lbs. at 6s.	20	14	0
Tailor	9	15	6
Wheat 111 lbs. 3 bushels at 33s.—39s.	198	9	0
Wages of servants	95	16	0
Wood	4	18	6
Vinegar, treacle, black lead, hearth stone, bricks, etc.	4	0	7
Insurance	12	10	0
Cash returned to the Revd. Mr. Ward	2	15	0
Stamps	4	18	9
Balance in Treasurer's hands	18	9	7

635 15th July. **Account** of John Hide for expences in conveying Irish paupers from Statford (sic) to Ampthill on pass for Ireland.

Mary Maccarty 13s. Thomas Collins 13s. John Kelley 13s.

758 5th April. **Petition** of certain attornies attending the Assizes and Quarter Sessions for the county, to the chairman (Sir Robert Harry Ingliss Bart.) and magistrates of the said county, calling attention to the inconvenient state of the Shire Hall and particularly on the criminal side, there being no door or passage appropriated for the entrance of the attornies, without subjecting themselves to the charge of disturbing the court, when attending on professional business.

Much of the inconvenience arises from the door being so near to the bench that the judge and chairman often find it impossible to proceed with the business without ordering it to be kept shut, and there being no passage to the seats appropriated for the said attornies through the other entrance.

In the event of an alteration being made in the entrance, it is suggested that a bailiff of the court should be appointed to keep the door, such bailiff being acquainted with the professional gentlemen of the county. *Numerous signatures.*

759 January. **Petition** on behalf of Thomas Perry, labourer, now a prisoner. Numerous signatures of his fellow parishioners, but no parish named.

790 13th October. **Presentment** that a certain part of a highway leading from the village of North Crawley, in the county of Buckingham towards the village of Marston-Moretain, commencing at a certain place called Crawley Gate and continuing for the length of 2,007 yards, and being of the breadth of 30 feet, is in great decay and further that the inhabitants of the parish of Cranfield should repair the same.

5th November. **Presentment** that Richard Shane, James Belcher, (alias James Shaw) John Burr, Joseph Butt, Joseph Poulter, James Waller, John Cox and Francis Lowen (or Lousen) labourers of Luton, together with about 50 other persons made riot, with sticks, stones, guns, firework, and other offensive weapons and missiles, and also rolled a blazing tar barrel through George Street and other streets and highways of the parish of Luton, and wilfully damaged the dwelling house of Richard Jones, breaking 50 panes of glass of the said dwelling by throwing stones etc. at the windows, and that they also threatened to murder the said Richard Jones. 797

True bill against Shane, Waller, Belcher, (alias Shaw), Joseph Butt and John Burr; Poulter, Cox Lousen not guilty.

5th November. **Presentment** that Richard Jones of Luton, straw-plait manufacturer, wilfully shot at and wounded Francis Lousen of the said parish, labourer. 798

5th January. **Letter** from James Fielding, surveyor, with reference to the bad state of the Bolnhurst Road adjoining Thurleigh and stating that the said road does not come under the surveyor's care and that it never was in the memory of man repaired by the parish, but by the landlord, Mr. Franklin. 815

22nd February. **Letter** from John Durham, of Dunstable, resigning the office of High Constable for the hundred of Manshead. 816

15th April. **Letter** from William Saunderson of Roxton, to the magistrates at Quarter Sessions. 817

"Having applied to the magistrates at Biggleswade viz. the Revd. Mr. Hull, T. Pym Esqr., and S. Thornton Esq. to obtain a road under the arch of the bridge called Tempsford Bridge, in my meadow, to a small piece of land lying on the other side of the bridge, I was requested by them to attend the Quarter Sessions to day, but as I am obliged to be another way, I have sent my son to say that we have no other method of getting our hay out, than by drawing it under the bridge with a horse so much to the injury of the hay, that it is worth but little when got, and as I could be able to go through any one of the arches with a cart and bring out the hay without doing any injury, and as there is no other communication with it to any person's property, no one has any cause, need, or right to go there. This is my certificate and this is my request that you would allow one of the posts to be removed or so constrated (sic) that it may be made passable with a cart."

12th May. **Entry** made on the minutes at an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the turnpike road from Hitchin to Bedford. 822

"The trustees present, taking into consideration the communication made by the Clerk of the peace for Bedford, as entered at the last meeting,

respecting the contribution of £100 towards enlarging, improving, and repairing the north bridge at Shefford, resolve that the said sum be advanced from the funds of this trust for the above purposes, it being understood that the trustees are to be put to no further expence relative to the construction of the bridge or the formation of the road or approaches thereto, on either side."

824 12th April. **Statement** by Francis Giles (surveyor) with reference to Shefford South bridge.

"Having designed a new plan for this bridge and presented at the last sessions together with my estimate of £500 for rebuilding it with the old materials, and with a new iron top, I was requested by Mr. Times the clerk to the trustees of the turnpike road from Hitchin to Bedford to attend a meeting of the said trustees at Shefford, on 11th February last with my plan and estimate of this work, when the said trustees resolved to contribute £200 towards the expense of rebuilding the said bridge according to my plan.

"I therefore beg now to annex my estimate for this work amounting to £500, and if the court should think proper to order it to be proceeded with, I will forthwith carry their directions into effect, at the same time however that the building of the south bridge is carrying on.

"I beg to suggest the propriety of widening the north bridge at Shefford also, from its present width of roadway of 15 feet, 6 inches, to 22 feet, so as to be similar to the intended width of the new south bridge. This work of the north bridge, if undertaken contemporaneously with that of the south bridge, will certainly be done at less expense than if it be executed separately, on account, first of their being a necessity for drawing down the water of Shefford Mill Head at an expense of about £25 for the purpose of rebuilding the south bridge, and that, during the time the above water is so drawn down, it would be desirable also to put in the foundations for the additional widening of the north bridge; secondly that one superintendence for the two works, while they are executing, would cost very little and probably no more than for one of them.

"The widening of the north bridge I propose to have done wholly with brickwork and not to pull down any more of the present bridge than the eastern side of it, in order to unite the new part to the old. The level of the roadway will accordingly be kept as it now is, but the improved width will be 22 feet.

"I consider that this work will cost about £300, or £350, and I should hope that the road trustees will contribute to this, in the same proportion as they have agreed to do to the north bridge. The two bridges at Shefford will then be improved to an ample extent for all the conveniences of the road traffic."

A list of licences granted by the Archdeaconry Court of Bedford, for places of religious worship for protestant dissenters from 1818 to 1828 under an Act 52 Geo. III. 832

Date.	At whose request.	Whose House.	Where.
1818	Francis Read and others ...	Chapel ..	Maulden
,,	James Sherriff ...	Chapel ..	Dean
,,	Mark Smith and others ...	Mark Smith ...	Thurleigh
,,	Thomas Row ...	William Row ...	Flitton
,,	Thomas Kimpton and others...	Chapel ...	Dunstable
,,	James Fauch and others ..	William Powell ...	Milton-Bryant
,,	Richard Gower ...	Thomas Jordan ...	Cople
,,	William Green and others ..	Joseph Edrope ...	Bolnhurst
,,	R. F. Horne and others ...	Samuel White ...	Bolnhurst
,,	David Lee Willis ..	Thomas Chew ...	Leighton
1819	John Mason & Joseph Lockey	Edward Wright ...	Stanford
,,	John Pack and others ..	William Pedder ...	Barton
,,	Edward Stanford and others..	William Seymour ...	Arlesey
,,	Henry Clapham ..	Henry Clapham ...	Wilden
,,	Richard Gower ..	Chapel ...	Milton-Erners
,,	George Hitchcock ..	George Hitchcock ...	Potsgrove
,,	Thomas Middleditch ..	William Bryant ...	Lower Caldecot
,,	John Ansell and others ...	Joseph Ansell ...	Stotfold
1820	William Rutland and others..	William Rutland . .	Cople
,,	William Fay ...	John Cowland ...	Ireland
1821	Burnaby Boutell and others ...	Ann Lunnis ...	Wrestlingworth
,,	William Huckle and others ...	William Huckle ...	Harlington
,,	William Baldry and others ..	Thomas Blewitt ...	Girtford
,,	Thomas Howkins and others...	John Pratt ...	Wybaston, Eaton Socum
,,	William Goodson and others...	Joseph Thompson ...	Tillsworth
,,	Thomas Hobles and others ...	James Jellins ...	Flitwick
,,	William Law and others ...	Samuel Hodby ...	Wybaston, Eaton Socum
,,	William Brown and others ...	Barn of W. Brown ..	Barton
,,	Ebenezer Daniel and others ...	Thomas Newman ...	Luton
,,	William Pantlin ...	William Pantlin ...	Eggington
,,	William Peet ...	Barn on the premises of Daniel Attack	Castle Street, St. Cuthbert's, Bedford
,,	Isaac Anthony ..	Isaac Anthony ...	St. John's, Bedford
,,	Anthony Byrd Seckerson ...	William Swale ...	Thurleigh
,,	John Thompson and others ...	John Thompson ...	Flitton
,,	George Lumbis ..	George Lumbis ...	Kempston
1822	Elizabeth Cook	Elizabeth Cook ...	Sewell Houghton Regis
,,	Anthony Byrd Seckerson ..	William Colbourne ...	Millbrook
,,	Thomas Spencer and others ...	William Edwards ...	Langford
,,	Richard Farr ..	Samuel Lole ...	Eyworth
,,	John Flint ...	John Flint ...	Shitlington
,,	Thomas Abraham ..	Mary Tyso ...	Turvey
,,	Thomas Wake and others ...	Chapel ...	Heath and Reach
,,	James Cream and others ...	William Haydon ...	Leagrave
,,	Robert Bowyer and others ...	Thomas Bowyer ...	Steventon
,,	James Large and others ...	James Large ...	Barn at Eversholt
,,	Joseph Hindes ..	Richard Gadsby ...	Souldrop
,,	Samuel Hobson	Chapel ..	Ampthill
1823	John Squires and others ..	John Squires ...	Stopsley
,,	J. K. Martyn and others ..	Premises of J. K. Martyn ...	Pertenhall
,,	William Percival ...	William Percival ...	Hogsty End Aspley

Date.	At whose request.	Whose House.	Where.
1823	Aquila Barber ..	John Robinson ...	Willington
,,	John Groom ...	John Groom ...	Wingfield, Chalgrove
,,	Richard Eland ...	Wesleyan Methodist Chapel	Toddington
,,	John Warren ...	John Warren ...	Barton
,,	William Southam and others	William Southam ...	Brook End Eversholt
1824	Francis Harrison and others..	George Worley ...	East Hyde
,,	Samuel Hobson ...	Mrs. Whitbread ...	Silsoe
,,	John H. Rowe ...	Chapel ...	Cardington
,,	William Brocklehurst ...	,, ...	Leagreave
,,	Aquila Barber ...	John Smith ...	Everton
,,	Thomas Chew and others ...	Thomas Chew ...	Rands End Eversholt
,,	Joseph Such and others ...	Jeremiah Sansome ...	Steventon
,	John Furness and others ...	Elizabeth Sales ...	Sheep Lane Potsgrove
,,	Wm. Whitteridge and others	Chapel ..	Hawnes
,,	Samuel Gentle and others ...	,, ...	Stotfold
,,	Ebenezer Daniel and others ...	James Bingham ...	Caddington
1825	James Golding ...	Chapel ..	Great Barford
,,	William Brocklehurst ..	John Smith ...	Everton
,,	John Cook ...	School room ...	Tottenhoe
,,	William Southam and others	John Brandom ...	Eaton Bray
,,	William Cunnington & others	Richard Barnet ...	Keysoe
,,	Samuel Hillyard ...	William Chapman ...	Oakley
1826	William Earley ...	William Earley ...	Wootton
,,	William Archer and others ..	William Archer ...	Sharnbrook
1827	Jeremiah James and others ...	Jeremiah James ...	Flitwick
,,	John Stevens ...	Thomas Savage ...	Cranfield
,,	Richard Boughton ...	Richard Boughton ...	Eversholt
,,	Joseph Higgins ...	Joseph Higgins ...	Husborn Crawley
,,	Richard Cook ...	Richard Cook ...	Steppingley
,,	John Stevens ..	Chapel ...	Salford
,,	Thomas Pestell and others ...	,, ...	Thurleigh
,,	Thomas Grinden and others ...	Thomas Grinden ...	Sharnbrook
,,	John Forster and others ...	John Forster ...	Langford
,,	Frederick Brooke Potts ...	Edward Messenger ...	Chalk Hill
1828	Ebenezer Daniel ...	William Bigg ...	Woodside
,,	William Earley and others ...	Paul Derby ..	Cranfield
,,	Joseph Vincent ...	John Whitworth ..	Turvey
,,	John Cotching ..	John Cotching ...	Harlington

1829.

142 13th January. **Order** under the "Maulden Enclosure Act" 36 Geo. III., that the yearly tithe of £554 13s. 7d. payable to the rector of Maulden be decreased to £463 9s. 0d.

153 13th January. **Appointment** of certain justices (named) to be visitors of the Gaol and Houses of correction.

194 14th July. **Printed copy of an order,** under an act "For the better regulation of divisions in the several counties of England and Wales," 9 Geo. IV., that there be six divisions of the county of Bedford, for holding of Special Sessions, which shall respectively be called by the names of the Bedford division, the Ampthill division, the Biggleswade division, the Bletsoe division, the Luton division, and the Woburn division.

The Bedford division shall comprise, Eaton-Socun, Goldington, Great Barford, Ravensden, Renhold, Roxton, Wilden, (now lying within the hundred of Barford) Little Barford (now lying within the hundred of Biggleswade), Clapham, Milton Ernest, Oakley, (now lying within the hundred of Stodden) Biddenham, Bromham, Stagsden, Steventon, Turvey (now lying within the hundred of Willey) Elstow, Kempston, Wilshamstead, Wootton, (now lying within the hundred of Redbornstoke), Cardington, Cople, Eastcotts, Willington, (now lying within the hundred of Wixamtree).

The Ampthill division shall comprise, Ampthill, Cranfield, Flitwick, Houghton-Conquest, Lidlington, Marston-Moretaine, Maulden, Millbrook, Steppingley, (now lying within the hundred of Redbornstoke), Clophill, Flitton, Upper-Gravenhurst, Lower-Gravenhurst, Hawnes, Higham-Gobion, Pulloxhill, Silsoe, (now lying within the hundred of Flitt) Shitlington (such part thereof as is now lying within the hundred of Clifton) Westoning (now lying within the hundred of Manshead).

The Biggleswade division shall comprise, Astwick, Biggleswade, Cockayne-Hatley, Dunton, Edworth, Everton, Eyeworth, Girtford, Holme, Langford, Potton, Sandy, Stratton, Sutton, Tempsford, Wrestlingworth (now lying within the hundred of Biggleswade,) Arlesey, Campton, Chicksands, Clifton, Henlow, Holwell, Meppershall, Shefford, Upper-Stondon, Lower Stondon, Stotfield (now lying with the hundred of Clifton), Beeston, Blunham, Broom, Moggerhanger, Northill, Rowney, Southill; Stanford, Warden (now lying within the hundred of Wixamtree).

The Bletsoe division shall comprise Colmworth, (now lying within the hundred of Barford) Boluhurst, Upper or Over-Dean, Lower or Nether-Dean, Keysoe, Knotting, Melchbourn, Pertenhall, Risely, Shelton, Little Staughton, Tilbrook, Yielden, (now lying within the hundred of Stodden) Bletsoe, Carlton, Chellington, Farndish, Felmersham, Harrold, Odell, Pavenham, Puddington, Radwell, Sharnbrook, Souldrop, Thurleigh and Wimmington (now lying within the hundred of Willey).

The Luton division shall comprise, Barton, Caddington, East-Hyde, Leegrave, Limbury, Luton, Stopsley, Streatley, Sundon, West-Hyde, (now lying within the hundred of Flitt), Dunstable, Eaton-Bray, Houghton-Regis, Market Street, Studham, Tilsworth, Totternhoe, Whipsnade (now lying within the hundred of Manshead).

The Woburn division shall comprise, Aspley-Guise, Battlesden, Billington, Chalgrave, Chaulton, Eggington, Eversholt, Harlington, Heath and Reach, Hockliffe, Holcut, Husborn-Crawley, Leighton-Buzzard, Milton-Bryant, Potsgrave, Salford, Standbridge, Tingrith, Toddington, Woburn (now lying within the hundred of Manshead) and Ridgemont (now lying within the hundred of Redbornstoke).

19th December. **Notice** that a petition will be presented at the next Quarter Sessions against an order that the parish of Milton-Ernest, in the hundred of Stodden, be comprized in the Bedford division, for the purposes of holding special sessions. (See also bundle for 1830 No. 885). 196

498 24th December. **Certified return** of the Bedfordshire Regiment of Militia, consisting of 1 Colonel, Sir John Osborn, Bart., 1 Lieutenant-Colonel, Richard Gilpin, 3 Captains, James Brown Horner, (Brevet Major) Samuel Wallis, and John Henry Campbell, 4 Lieutenants, Richard Hankin, Frederick John Rix, Blacket, R. Harrison and James Gosling, 1 Ensign, James Broderick, 1 Staff Captain and Adjutant, Henry Leech, 1 Surgeon Charles W. Hyne, 1 Paymaster, James Gosling (Lieutenant) 11 Serjeants, 11 Corporals, 7 Drummers and 317 Privates (full number).

Vacancies which have occurred through time of service expiring up to the 20th November last 31. Number on the roll 286. Two Companies, two lieutenancies, and three ensigncies are vacant, Quarter Master Morris has retired on a pension.

499 12th January. **Report** by Francis Giles (surveyor) in reference to the outside wall of Bedford Gaol.

"I have inspected this wall in company with the commitee of magistrates, and offered to them my opinion upon the cause of the present crookedness and upon the most expedient plan of remedying it which I beg now to report.

"The original defect of the wall arises from its having been built with an unequal slope batter on the outside and inside of it. The consequence is that an unequal weight is thrown upon the base of the wall, and a twist or curve towards the building of the goal has occurred in all the four sides of this wall to a degree that appears to be unsafe, particularly on the western side.

"Buttresses might be made to sustain this wall, but as they are inadmissible, the only eventual remedy, is to pull it down and to rebuild it. I do not however think that any side of this wall is in immediate danger except the western side, I would accordingly recommend that side only be rebuilt at present.

"An opinion has prevailed that the misgiving of this wall has been occasioned by the insufficient hardness of the stones which it is built of, and that they have crushed and yielded to the superincumbent weight of the wall, this appears to me to be fallacious, as the horizontal lines of the masonry are level and perfect, and although the outsides of many of the stones have decayed, through the action of the weather upon them this decay is merely superficial.

"The stones of this wall vary much in hardness, but very nearly all of them are fit to be used again, the hardest of them should therefore be used on the outside of the softer stones, in the inside of the new wall, and such additional stones as may be wanted, should be selected from the hardest of the Bedford quarries.

"I consider that the foundation of this wall, that is from the surface of the ground to the bottom of it, is very good, and certainly better than a new foundation can be made at any moderate expence, in consequence of its having so long borne the weight of this wall upon it. I therefore recommend that such part of the present wall as may be required to be taken down, should only be removed to the level of the surface of the ground, and that the new wall be built with equal slopes on both sides, from this base to the top of it. I am of opinion that the expence of taking down and rebuilding the western side of this wall, including such new stones as may be necessary will be £250."

28th April. **Report** by Sir Robert Harry Inglis chairman, that, having examined the matters set out in an appeal by samuel Brunt, Samuel Wells, and James Kingsley, against an assessment for the poor of Longford, he recommends that the assessment be quashed, inasmuch as it appears that the gravel pit field, the long close or turnip field, the corn mead, the Church field, the hay field, the long field, and the meadows near to the river in the occupation of the said Samuel Brunt: the meadows east of the high road from Biggleswade to Langford in the occupation of the said Samuel Wells, and the Coneygear (?) in the occupation of the said James Kingsley, are not in the parish of Langford, but in the parish of Biggleswade. 500

20th October. **Report** by Francis Giles in reference to an order for certain alterations at the Penitentiary. 501

In reference to an order for the alteration of the present cells, and enlargement of the men's day room and the erection of 18 new cells above the present ones, in the N.E. division of the Penitentiary, also the erection of a room above the keeper's wash-house, and of another room over the women's day room, I beg to report that the above works have been duly executed, except as to the number of new cells being 18, it having been found expedient to confine the number to 16, vizt. 14 single cells, 1 double cell and 1 treble cell, thus making room equal to 19 single cells instead of only 18. The lining the doors of the cells with sheet iron remains yet to be done, which will cost £12 according to my estimate for them, but I beg to take the opinion of the court upon lining the front walls also, which will together with the lining of the doors cost £24.

The expenses of these works amounts to £502 12s. 2d. which together with the amount of £24 for lining the cell door front walls, if that is to be done, will make the total amount of £526 12s. 2d. this will exceed the amount of my estimate by £66 12s. 2d. but the cause of the excess is as follows. The tops of the brickwork partitions of the old cells were much decayed owing to the wet having got through the Yorkshire stone covering, which occasioned extra brickwork to the amount of £10 0s. 0d.

The steps to the gallery being of brickwork etc. instead of a wood step ladder .....£6 13s. 0d.

The door to the men's day room and also the window frame in the wash house being too much decayed to be used again, new ones were substituted.....£3 0s. 0d.

Two iron pillars and additional beams in day room in consequence of keeping the gallery tower, that was first intended .....£6 3s. 0d.

The extending the cheveaux de frise over the women's day room etc. £3 9s. 0d.

New Yorkshire stones for the floors of the upper cells, the lining of the old ones being in part broken.....£3 0s. 0d.

The flues from all the lower cells to the roof .....£2 0s. 0d.

The whitewashing which was to have been done by the keeper's men, but the keeper would not get it done.....£8 0s. 10d.

The substituting copper for iron to the covering of the flat projecting roof over the gallery .....£15 0s. 0d.

The lining the front walls of the cells with sheet iron, if that is now to be done.....£12 0s. 0d.

541 12th January. **Statement** by Francis Giles surveyor, in reference to Hale Bridge: The repairs of the railing on the south side of Hale Bridge have been completed by Mr. Usher, but the brickwork of the bridge is not in want of present repair. The amount of the bill for the work done is .....£27 16s. 11d.

547 13th January. **Account** of Thomas Gwyn Elger to erecting a new laundry over the old wash house at the new House of Correction as per contract .....£83 5s. 0d.

567 16th April. **Account** of Benjamin Welstead—to making a valuation of the parish of Ridgmont by order for the purpose of levying a proportionate rate for the relief of the poor.....£52 10s. 0d.

568 13th January. **Extract** from gaolers bill.

John Redman, a glass of gin and water the 24th October 6d., Thomas Wait, tea twice daily from 22nd December to 13th January 7s. 8d., strong beer candle twice daily to 5th January 15 days @ 8d. is 10s., broth for dinner from 6th—13th January 2s. 8d., eight leeches as per order 2s. Coach hire and coachman to London £1 13s. 0s. Hackney coach to Woolwich and back, feeding the horse etc. £1 5s. 0d. The boat, clerk and blacksmith on board 3s. 6d., expenses of the prisoners (convicts,

William Duffy and Anthy Rock), 5s., self two days £1 0s. 0d., coach and coachman to Bedford from Kettering 13s., three dozen of cotton candles for the use of the prison, the turnkey's lanthorn, the hall lanthorn, and the watchman, @ 7s. £1 1s. 0d., one and a half dozen of rushlights @ 7s., 10s. 6d., 2 dozen of birch besoms @ 2s. 6d., 5s.; faggot wood for purifying foul clothes, lighting the washing and soup copper fires 3s. 6d., 89 lbs. of beef at Christmas as per order @ 7½d., £2 15s. 6d., lamplighter's Christmas box 1s., admitted a load of sand for the day rooms, 5s. 8d.

23rd June—28th July. **Account** of John Edwards. 700

To the water of the river Ivel, which was turned from its channel for the building of Langford Bridge, by order .....£37s. 16s. 0d.

Michaelmas Sessions. **Statement** by Francis Giles in reference to the order for preparing plans and estimates for the alteration of the Court House, and for erecting a grand jury room and rooms below for witnesses and prisoners in the open ground south of the main body of the County Hall, that he has accordingly prepared the same and that his estimate for these works, including the ventilation of the Court House is £1,860; and further that he wishes to take the opinion of the Court before they are finally specified and contracted for. 780

Extract from account of the clerk of the peace. 781

"Having received a letter from the Secretary of State to enquire whether any Jesuit or member of the religious order residing within this county had been registered under an Act 10 Geo. IV c. 7. S. 28 and writing in answer that none such had been registered.

13th January. **Presentment** that a certain part of a highway leading from Aylesbury in the County of Buckingham towards Woburn, and lying in the hamlet of Heath-and-Reach in the township of Leighton Buzzard, being in breadth 30 feet and situate between the chapel in the said hamlet and a turnpike road called West Chester Road, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of the said hamlet should repair the same. 792

13th January. **Presentment** same as above but that it is presented that the inhabitants of Leighton Buzzard should repair the same. 793

14th July. **Presentment** that a certain part of a highway leading from the village of Thurleigh towards the town of St. Neots in the county of Huntingdon, situate in the parish of Bolnhurst, and commencing at the beginning of the said parish and continuing to the end of Church Lane in the same parish, being in length 1,463 yards or thereabouts, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of the said parish ought to repair the same. 815

827 **Presentment** that a certain part of a highway leading from the village of Tilbrook towards the village of Swinehead in the county of Huntingdon, situate within the parish of Tilbrook and called Honey Lane and beginning at the turnpike road there leading from Kimbolton to Wellingborough, and extending from the said turnpike road into the parish of Swineshead, and being of the length of 2 miles and of the breadth of 30 feet, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Tilbrooke ought to repair the same.

843 27th April. Letter from John Brett and William Yardley, churchwardens, and Samuel Ainsworth and John Waller, overseers, to the treasurer of Bedford.

"Application having been [made] to us as parish officers of Luton by the high constable for a county rate, owing to the difficulty of the vicarial tithes being now in an unsettled state, we are unable to get a rate, without being appealed against [and] that we at the present have no money to keep the poor, [We] therefore beg the favour of you to wait until we can get a rate made as we can collect."

844 18th May. **Letter** from Lawrence Reynolds of Paxton in the county of Huntingdon J.P. to the clerk of the Peace for Bedfordshire, calling attention to the number of vagrants who are generally conveyed into the said county "more fully than the law requires," and who have been sent from Stotfold to Paxton in consequence of having reached Stotfold, as if it were in the direct road from Fareham to Port Patrick, and that the justices of the said county seem decided to try the question whether the pass is obligatory on the Stotfold constable to obey, and further that some of the passes seem to have been illegal on the first view of them, those to hand not being accompanied by any certificate or order or any signature of any of the justices of Bedford, and that a meeting seems to be necessary so that some decision may be arrived at.

847 5th April 1828—15th June 1829. **List** of meeting house certificates registered in the Archdeaconry Court of Bedford.

1829.

At whose request.	Whose house.	Where situated.
George Finch ...	George Finch ...	Turvey
Wm. Stanley ...	Wm. Stanley ...	Westoning
	1829.	
John Morris and others ...	Chapel ..	Turvey
John Holloway ...	John Day's house ...	Willington
Wm. Sear ...	A building ...	Eaton Bray

1830.

April. **Gaol Return.** John Rutt committed for uttering counterfeit coin, and sentenced to 6 months hard labour in the Old House of Correction, and to find sureties for his good behaviour, for a further six months; James Clark, committed for simple larceny, and sentenced to six months hard labour in the Old House of Correction, and in the last week of the said term to be publicly whipped in the market place at Bedford. 61

July. **Gaol Return.** John Thompson committed for uttering false and counterfeit coin, and sentenced to hard labour for 1 year in the New House of Correction, and to find sureties for his good behaviour for a further two years, Robert Brewer, committed for simple larceny and sentenced to one month's hard labour in the Old House of Correction, and three days before the expiration of that term to be privately whipped. 62

17th February—23rd June. **A return** of forfeitures levied by the justices, acting within the division of Biggleswade, under the several Acts, for the more effectual prevention of the use of defective weights and false balances. A number of names given. 68

20th April. **Nomination** of certain justices to be visitors at the gaol and Houses of Correction within the county, pursuant to 4 Geo. IV. C. 64 S. 16. 109

20th April. **Appointment** under the "Millbrooke Enclosure Act," 35 Geo. III., of Joseph Tween of Woburn, gent and Charles Austin of Ampthill, gent together with a third person, to enquire the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat, within the county for fourteen years last past. 160

13th July. **Order** under the same Act, that, the yearly corn rent of £282 19s. 4d. payable to the Revd. George Cardale, clerk, rector of Millbrooke, shall be decreased to £246 0s. 0¼d. 170

13th July. **Printed copy of an order** amending that of 1829 for dividing, for the purpose of holding Special Sessions, the county of Bedford. It is ordered that :— 180

The Bedford division shall comprise, Eaton-Socun, Goldington, Great Barford, Ravensden, Renhold, Roxton, Wilden, (within the hundred of Biggleswade), Clapham, Oakley, (within the hundred of Stodden), Biddenham, Bromham, Stagsden, Steventon, Turvey, (within the hundred of Willey), Elstow, Kempston, Wilshamstead, Wootton, (within the hundred of Redbornstoke), Cardington, Cople Eastcotts, Willington, (within the hundred of Wixamtree).

The Ampthill division shall comprise, Ampthill, Cranfield, Flitwick, Houghton Conquest, Lidlington, Marston Moretaine, Maulden, Millbrook, Steppingley (within the hundred of Redbornstoke), Clophill, Flitton, Upper Gravenhurst, Lower Gravenhurst, Hawnes, Higham-Gobion, Pulloxhill, Silsoe, (within the hundred of Flitt), Westoning (within the hundred of Manshead).

The Biggleswade division shall comprise Astwick, Biggleswade, Cockayne-Hatley, Dunton, Edworth, Everton, Eyeworth, Girtford, Holme, Langford, Potton, Sandy, Stratton, Sutton, Tempsford, Wrestlingworth, (within the hundred of Biggleswade) Arlsey, Campton Chicksands, Clifton, Henlow, Holwell, Meppershall, Shefford, Shitlington, Upper-Stondon, Lower-Stondon, Stotfold, (within the hundred of Clifton), and Shitlington (within the hundred of Flitt), Beeston, Blunham, Brown, Moggerhanger, Northill, Rowney, Southill, Stanford, Warden (within the hundred of Wixamtree).

The Bletsoe division shall comprise Colmworth, (within the hundred of Barford), Bolnhurst, Upper or Over-Dean, Lower or Nether-Dean, Keysoe, Knotting, Melchbourn, Milton-Ernest, Pertenhall, Risely, Shelton, Little Staughton, Tilbrook, Yielden, (within the hundred of Stodden), Bletsoe, Carlton, Chellington, Farndish, Felmersham, Harrold, Odell, Pavenham, Puddington, Radwell, Sharnbrook, Souldrop, Thurleigh, Wimmington (within the hundred of Willey).

The Luton division shall comprise Barton, Caddington, East-Hyde, Leegrave, Limbury, Luton, Stopsley, Streatley, Sundon, West-Hyde, (within the hundred of Flitt), Dunstable, Eaton-Bray, Houghton-Regis, Market-Street, Studham, Tilsworth, Totternhoe, Whipsnade (within the hundred of Manshead).

The Woburn division shall comprise Aspley Guise, Battlesden, Billington, Chalgrave, Chaulton, Eggington, Eversholt, Harlington, Heath-and-Reach, Hockliffe, Holcut, Husborn Crawley, Leighton-Buzzard, Milton-Bryant, Potsgrove, Salford, Stanbridge, Tingrith, Toddington, Woburn (within the hundred of Manshead), Ridgemont (within the hundred of Redbornstoke).

181 14th July. **Order** made upon the petition of George Musgrave Esq. and John Trustram on behalf of themselves and other inhabitants of the parish of Shitlington, sanctioning the removal of that parish from the Ampthill Division and the placing of it within the Biggleswade division for special Sessional purposes. (See No. 887).

189 6th December. **Order** that a lane or highway within the parish of Caddington, leading from Woodside in that parish into the highway leading from Luton towards Caddington Green, and which is of the length of about 1207 yards and of the breadth of 22 feet, be stopped up, and the land or soil thereof sold by the surveyor of the highways for the said parish, to the several persons whose lands adjoin thereto, if they should be willing, and if not, then to some other person or persons, reserving nevertheless, a free way and passage on foot only; through the said highway, from Woodside at the point marked A on the plan annexed to a point marked B on the said plan.

190 The **Plan** referred to.

Order for the sub-division of parishes within the division of Ampthill, between John Shaw and Charles Austin, chief constables of that division, as follows—Mr. Shaw's sub-division, Ampthill, Flitwick, Steppingley, Millbrook, Houghton-Conquest, Maulden, Clophill, Hawnes, and Upper Gravenhurst. Mr. Austin's sub-division, Lidlington, Cranfield, Marston-Moretaine, Westoning, Pulloxhill, Flitton, Silsoe, Higham Gobion, and Lower Gravenhurst. 190A

14th April. **Deposition** of Samuel Bryant of Langford. 385

"I am a blacksmith and keep a village shop, which my wife manages. On the 23rd March last, my wife gave me a half crown which she told me she had received from the prisoner [John Rutt] which she thought was a bad one. I looked at it and thought so too. On the following morning I went to Bates with whom the prisoner was working and I found him there at breakfast.

I said to the prisoner "you must change this half crown you gave my wife, it is a bad one," he replied "I have no money I cannot change it, I do not know who I took it from, I have had it in my pocket five or six weeks, I knew it was a bad one, but I had a right to get rid of it if I could. I will not change it. He has on former occasions offered bad money in my shop in my presence.

14th April. **Deposition** of William Bryant of Langford, victualler. 386

"About three weeks or a month ago the prisoner [John Rutt] was drinking at my house when he pulled out from his pocket a half crown and showed it to the people about him. I saw that it was a bad one, some of the persons present said he (the prisoner) never could pass it, as it was so bad. The prisoner replied that he could for he had some stuff that would polish (sic) it over, and make it go easily. He took the stuff out of his pocket and shewed it to us."

28th April. **Deposition** of William Summerfield of Maulden, gardener, that the prisoner (who calls himself John Thompson) came to his stall in Dunstable Market and bought three halfpennys worth of french beans, and tendered a half crown in payment, out of which he was given change. He came again to the stall about two hours afterwards and bought a penny's worth of marrowfat peas and tendered another half crown in payment. Deponent then began to suspect the prisoner and went into the "Rose and Crown," and got the half crowns weighed, and found they were light, and then went to Mr. Squire's shop and had the half crowns weighed again there, and was told they were both counterfeit coins, and an alarm then being given the prisoner was arrested. 395

27th November. **Information** of certain householders within the County of Bedford that "tumult and riot" may reasonably be apprehended within the said County; they request that a sufficient number of persons may be appointed to act as special constables. 493

592 24th December. **Certified return** of the Bedfordshire regiment of militia, consisting of 1 Colonel, Sir John Osborn, Bart., 1 Lieutenant Colonel Richard Gilpin, 3 Captains, James Brown Horner, (Brevet Major), Samuel Wallis and John Henry Campbell, 4 Lieutenants, Richard Hankin, Frederick John Rise Blacket, R. Harrison and James Gosling (paymaster) 1 Ensign, James Broderick, 1 Staff Captain and Adjutant, Henry Leich, 1 Surgeon, Charles W. Hyne, 11 Serjeants, 11 Corporals, 7 Drummers and 317 privates (full number).

Two companies, two lieutenancies, three ensigncies are vacant.

Number of vacancies which have arisen by time of service expiring from 20th November 1829 up to 20th November this year 104. Number on the roll 182 (vacancies during 1829, 31).

594 20th April. **Report** by Francis Giles county surveyor (in reference to an order of sessions for making a contract, with Messrs. Berrill & Woodruffe, to build a new Grand Jury room, etc., and to alter and repair the Shire Hall at Bedford) that the contract has been accordingly agreed upon, but not signed, and that the work of building the new Grand Jury room has also been carried on, from the foundations, to the height of the floor of the said Grand Jury room, in a very satisfactory manner, and that the value of the above work amounts to about £300.

595 13th July. **Report** by Francis Giles that the grand jury and prisoners rooms are ready for immediate use, but the witnesses room is not, but that it will probably be ready at the following assizes, and that the further sum of £500 is fully due to Messrs. Berrill and Woodruff, who have proceeded with the above works in a satisfactory manner.

596 13th July. **Report** re Millbrooke corn rent, that the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat, within the county for 14 years last past is 8s. 0½d.

597 19th October. **Report** by Francis Giles in reference to alterations at the Shire Hall etc., that the said works have been proceeded with, as far as possible notwithstanding the unavoidable hindrance which has been experienced in consequence of the Hall having been used for the late election and for public lectures etc., and that the advanced state of these works will justify a further advance of £500 to Messrs. Berrill & Woodruff, and that in reference to the further alterations of the interior arrangement of the Shire Hall, it appears to be very judicious, but as certain minor parts of it are yet to be completed the payment for this may be deferred until next sessions, and that further, in reference to making the strong room within the Shire Hall building that it is also nearly completed, the payment of which may be also deferred until the said next sessions, and that it is deemed advisable to raise Mr. Gadesby's garden wall 2 feet, the estimate for which is £26.

15th July. **An estimate** by William Berrill and James Woodruffe, of taking down and refixing judge's seat, counsel pews, jury box, and other seats, forming new dock, lowering the ascending floor and seats, building walls to passage to said new dock, ripping out and making good doors and windows, and fixing two new windows to the west side of the court to correspond with present ones, removing flues for stoves etc., complete for the sum of £125 0s. 0d. 775

13th July. **Certificate** by Francis Giles, re Eaton Socon Bridge, that it has been found necessary to repair the stone-work and brick-work of the Bedford side of this bridge between October 1828 and the present time. Mr. Wade's and Mr. Clarke's account for the same being respectively £16 7s. 9d. & £10 13s. 1d. 813

13th July. **Similar certificate** in respect to Shefford North and South bridges; it has been found necessary to make a washing place at the North bridge similar to the one that was made last year at the South bridge, in order to prevent the danger of cattle and horsemen getting into deep water, this having been done and the coping stones, which had been ruined by violence, replaced and the brickwork to the same partially pointed; Mr. Morgan's bills for these works amount to £10 12s. 4d. 815

19th October. **Account** of Samuel Negus. To posting and delivering bills in the town and county of Bedford of a meeting to be held in the County Hall on Tuesday 24th of August for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of presenting an address to His Most Gracious Majesty, King William IV., upon His Majesty's accession £1 2s. 6d. 827

January. **Petition** of John Turner and Edward Pain on behalf of themselves and others, inhabitants of the parish of Milten-Ernest, praying that the said parish, lying within the hundred of Stodden, may be, for special sessional purposes, taken from the Bedford division of the County and placed in the Bletsoe division, as the said parish is only one mile and a half from the Bletsoe Falcon where the Sessions are held and about 4 miles from the town of Bedford. 855

19th April. **Petition** of Thomas Wiles, prisoner at the old House of Correction. 886

"Most honoured gentlemen i embrace this opertunity of presenting to you a note containing the full particulars of my unhapy situation, and I most humble beg you will take it in consideration and midigate my punishment if you think well.

"Relating to the earlier part of my life i spent 12 years and 12 days in his majesty's service and i was in several engagements and received three wounds and when i was discharged i received a pension of 6d. a day, which with my own industry and the blessing of God on my labours i have been able to maintain my family which consist of a wife and

three children withont the assistance of any releif from the parish, and never was in custody on any occasion whatever before this unfortunate affair took place, for which i am now punished and if i remain here to the extent of my sentence, which will not be expired until the 15th of October i shall loose my pension, on account that I shall not be able to apear at whitehall to take it within two years according to the rules, which with the loss i have sustained and not being able for hard work on account of a rupture which i unfortunately am the suferer of, which will oblige me to fly to the parish for relief if i live to be discharged from here, which will be a great hurt to my feelings as I never was under frowns of a parish.

" Honoured gentlemen i humbly beg of you to help me in this my great distress aud it shall be my utmost study to reform and regain the good character which i have now lost, and to maintain myself and family without any other assistance and set my family a good example by honesty, sobriety, industry, and living in the fear of God, from an unhappy prisioner.

887 July. **Petition** of George Musgrave and John Trustram on behalf of themselves and the inhabitants of the parish of Shitlington; shows that, by an order the said parish lying within the hundred of Flitt, and so much of the same as lies within the hundred of Clifton, was comprised in the Ampthill division for holding special sessions. Prays that the said parish be annexed and comprised within the Biggleswade division, inasmuch as the hamlet of Lower Stondon being the major part of so much of the said parish as lies in the hundred of Clifton is nearer to Biggleswade than Ampthill, and that there are two justices residing within two miles of the said parish of Shitlington vizt. the Revd. John Hull, vicar, and the Revd. James Webster who usually attend the special sessions at Biggleswade but not at Ampthill, and there is no justice residing within ten miles of Shitlington who attends the special sessions at Ampthill. (see 181).

896 to 924 12th January. **Recital** of proceedings in 1829 on the presentment of Joseph Edrope, Edward Maddock and Richard Kilpin and other inhabitants of the parish of Bolnhurst in a dispute between themselves and Richard Franklin, Esq. as to the repair of a highway in the said parish.

932 23rd March. **Indictment** of John Rutt for utttering counterfeit coin (a half-crown).

942 to 944 20th April. **Further recital and proceedings** (as in 896—924) on the presentment of the inhabitants of the parish of Bolnhurst for not repairing a certain part of a highway leading from the village of Thurleigh towards the town of St. Neots in the county of Huntingdon, situate in the parish of Bolnhurst and commencing at the beginning of the said parish and continuing to the end of Church Lane, and which is of the length of 1463 yards. The jury find that the said inhabitants are not guilty (see also presentment 14th July 1829).

28th April. **Indictment** of John Thompson for uttering counterfeit coin (a half-crown). 949

19th October. **Letter** of John Mayle Agent of the "Gazette Office" Bedford. 1030

"A few days since Mr. Hatfield of Cambridge expressed great pleasure in witnessing the improvements made in your criminal court, he begs leave however to suggest that great convenience would be afforded to the press generally, could a pew be set apart for their use, as at Cambridge and Huntingdon. As your court is at present arranged he is apprehensive that reporters may be desirous of occupying a portion of that part which is intended for the use of the counsel and attornies."

1831.

15th June. **Declaration** by Samuel Elsdale Albin, of Biggleswade, that he has a printing press and types for printing, which he proposes to use in Biggleswade, and which he requires to be registered in pursuance of the Act 39 Geo. III. 6

Midsummer Sessions. **Gaol Calendar.** Edward Jackwood and Henry Milton, severally convicted of being rogues and vagabonds, viz. playing and betting with a board, an instrument of gaming, at the game of chance called Thimbles, Sentenced to hard labour for two calendar months. 62

April. **Gaol Return. Conviction** of Thomas Smoxall for lanceny, to be imprisoned for fourteen days in the new house of correction and to be privately whipped. 64

5th April. **Order** (under the "lordship of Toddington and hamlet of Chalton Enclosure Act" 37 Geo. III.) on the application of several owners of lands in Toddington etc., appointing William Wells Gardner of Biggleswade and George Aikin of Harlington, arbitrators to enquire the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat within the county for ten years last past. 90

This application was made by William Dodge Cooper Cooper Esq., Impropriator of Toddington and Elizabeth his wife, Edward Firmin of Hendon in the county of Middlesex and Nathaniel Milne of the Inner Temple their trustees, and George Pearse Esq., and Thomas Hobbs, on behalf of themselves and others the owners of lands tenements etc., in Toddington and Chalton.

28th June. **Order** that the yearly tithe rent of £552 11s. 4½d., payable to the Rector of Toddington shall be decreased to £388 11s. 10¾d., and schedule. 101 to 104

110 18th October. **Order** dismissing the appeal (under an act 9 Geo. IV.) of George Rogers against the decision of certain justices, at a licensing meeting, in refusing to grant to the appellant a license to sell excisable liquors by retail, to be consumed in his dwelling house in Duck Lane in the parish of Woburn, and that the said appellant shall pay £11 18s. 10d. costs to the respondents (the said justices).

121 **Draft order** that an assessment of 13½d. in the pound be levied upon the occupiers of land, tenements, woods, tithes, and hereditaments, within the hamlet of Heath and Reach, owing to the condition of the highways, bridges, causeways etc., being such, that they cannot be repaired by the means prescribed in an act 13 Geo. III. and upon application of the surveyor of the said hamlet under an act 54 Geo. III. which amends the first mentioned act.

144 25th May. **Record** of the conviction of William Chambers the younger of Broom in the parish of Southill, gardener, for having in his possession a defective bushel measure, Fined 10s. and to forfeit the said measure.

145 25th May. **Record** of the conviction of John Bushby, "a seller of beer by retail" for unlawfully allowing a game of cards to be played on his premises, against the tenor of his licence. Fined £3 0s. 0d. and costs.

155 3rd August. **Record** of the conviction of Samuel Patrick of Biggleswade, beer seller, for allowing the unlawful game of skittles to be played on his premises. Fined 30s. and costs.

512 10th December. **Certified return** of the Bedfordshire regiment of militia, consisting of 1 Colonel, Sir John Osborn, Bart., 1 Lieutenant Colonel Richard Gilpin, 5 Captains, James Brown, Horner (Brevet Major), Samuel Wallis, John Henry Campbell, William Stuart and William B. Higgins, 4 Lieutenants, Richard Hankins, Frederick J. Rix (assistant surgeon) Blacket, R. Harrison, and James Gosling (paymaster), 1 Ensign, James Broderick, 1 Staff Captain and Adjutant, Henry Leech, 1 Surgeon, Charles W. Hyne, 8 Serjeants on the staff, 3 drummers on the staff, 4 drummers not on the staff, 10 corporals, 269 privates. Two lieutenancies and two ensigncies are vacant, and Quarter Master Norris has retired on a pension.

514 4th January. **Report** by Francis Giles county surveyor in reference to the alterations at the Shire Hall, that the work is done to his entire satisfaction, and that the sum of £125 is due accordingly to Messrs. Berrill & Woodruff, as per contract.

515 4th January. **Report** by Francis Giles, in reference to raising the walls adjoining Mr. Gadesby's garden etc., that this work is completed and the sum of £26 is accordingly due to Messrs. Berrill & Woodruff, as per contract.

4th January. **Report** by Francis Giles re the Shire Hall and new grand jury room. 516

"Messrs. Berrill and Woodruff's work is so far completed under their first contract of £1780, as to entitle them to further payment of £380, on this account, which being added to the sum of £1300 already paid to them, will leave £100 still due, and which £100 must be reserved until all the painting, whitewashing, skirtings and other minor works which still remain to be done, are finally completed."

4th January. **Report** by Francis Giles in reference to making a strong room and forming a new doorway to the savings-bank room etc. [in the Shire Hall] that this work is completed and that £34 is due to Messrs. Berrill & Woodruff on this account. 517

Easter Sessions. **Report** by Francis Giles in reference to repairs to the Grand Jury room and Shire Hall, and to the furnishing of grates, fenders, locks, and other iron work for the new Grand Jury room, the prisoner's and witnesses' rooms and the old Grand Jury room, by Messrs. Sanders and Williams, that he presents their account of £61 5s. (See No. 675). 519

He also presents bills of Mr. W. Berrill for bricklayers' work £2 2s. 4d., and of Mr. James Woodruff for fixing a new table and desk in the Grand Jury room, also shelves, window blinds, and various other works at the Shire Hall, etc., amounting to £24 14s. 9d.

17th October. **Report** of Francis Giles in reference to the fences of the turnpike road between Tempsford toll gate and Tempsford Bridge, to the effect that he has corresponded with Mr. Brown (Mr. Stewart's agent) upon this subject and that he expects that an arrangement will accordingly be made before next Sessions for placing these fences in the possesion of Mr. Stuart, who will maintain them at his own expense. 520

28th July. **Report** by William Wells Gardener of Biggleswade, and George Aikin of Harlington, that the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat, within the county for ten years past, is 7s. 2½d. 521

4th January. **Statement** of accounts by Francis Giles. 565

To fixing three new guard posts and pointing the walls of Girtford Bridge, according to an account of W. B. Usher £4 12s. 6d.

4th January. **Statement** of accounts by Francis Giles, in reference to Tempsford Bridge. 566

Repairing and replanting the road fences between the Toll Gate and Tempsford Bridge during the year 1830, according to an account delivered by W. B. Usher £5 11s. 6d.

Repairing the floors of the land arches at this bridge with brick and fixing one new oak post at the same, £4 3s. 4d. (According as before).

Mr. Usher was directed by Mr. Giles to repair the floors of the above arches with Bedford stone, but it appears that he found it inconvenient to get such stone, and so repaired them with brick, but in future stone is to be used.

667 20th January. **Account** of Barnard Cook overseer of Pulloxhill.

Paid 47 special constables sworn in at Silsoe and Ampthill @ 1/- each.....£2 7s. 0d.
Paid 21 special constables, called out on the 6th December, 1830, by the Chief of Section @ 2/- each, to quel a mob at Flitwick ....£2 2s.

685 4th April. **Account** of E. C. Williamson, clerk to the magistrates of the division of Luton.

To attending to swear in special constables at the following places in 1830, Luton, Barton, Streatley, Sundon, Houghton-Regis, Dunstable, Caddington, Market street, Studham, Whipsnade, Rensworth, Leegrave, Limbury and Stopsley .....£6 7s.

689 5th April. **Account** of Charles Good for passing removing and maintaining Irish paupers, from Ampthill to Little Brickhill on pass for Ireland (number of paupers from January to March, 73) £12 7s. 8d.

749 28th June. **Statement** by Francis Giles in reference to the account of Mr. Woodruff for making a new screen for the back of the judges seat in the Crown Court, and new seats for the witnesses and prisoners' rooms, and for adding drawers to the writing desk and table in the Grand Jury Room, which account is for £28 9s. 1d. and is certified as being correct.

805 15th October. **Extract** from an account of the Clerk of the Peace (Theed Pearse Esqr.).

"By direction of the Secretary of State attended to search the rolls and minutes of Session for all articles of Friendly Societies filed in the office of the Clerk of the Peace from the year 1793 to the present time."

825 **Requisition** by the magistrates acting for the division of Luton, that, uniting in the feelings of the parishioners of Luton, they earnestly request the magistrates of the county, to take into consideration the propriety and advantage of having a Bridewell or other proper place of confinement erected at Luton, for the reception and punishment of persons convicted in that division of offences punishable by imprisonment and hard labour.

Signatures follow.

Requisition to the magistrates acting for the division of Luton by the inhabitants of that parish, that they are deeply impressed with the evil arising from there being no place for the confinement and punishment of offenders summarily convicted of minor offences, without the inconvenience of conveying them a distance of 20 miles, and that juvenile offenders are frequently allowed to go unpunished; this arising out of the great moral danger of sending them to mix with such abandoned characters, as are generally to be found within the walls of a county prison, and they are thereby encouraged by the hope of impunity to plunge deeper into crime; and further that the parish of Luton comprises nearly 6000 persons, the greater proportion of whom are dependant for subsistence upon agricultural and manufacturing employment, and that consequently a great responsibility is thrown upon the requisitionists, in endeavouring to train the rising generation in the paths of morality, and it is therefore necessary to have the means of punishing early diviation from honesty and good conduct. 826

Signatures follow.

23rd and 24th June. **Acknowledgements** by Daniel Peasman [Pearman?] and William Brown of Luton, members of the Society of Friends, known as Quakers, that William Adams, John Foster and Henry Brown, of the same parish are members also of that society. 941 to 943

3rd October. **Letter** from the Revd. G. H. Bowen resigning his office of chaplain to the prisons of the county, through his being presented to a benefice by the Duke of Bedford, the duties of which are incompatible with those of his present station. 945

10th October. **Letter** from G. Lamb the Secretary of State to the Chairman of Quarter Sessions. 947

"I am directed by Viscount Melbourne to refer you to the act of the present sessions (c. 32) entitled "an act to amend the laws of England relative to game" (which has been circulated by the King's printer in the usual manner) and I am desired to request that you will call the particular attention of the magistrates assembled at the ensuing Quarter Sessions to the 18th section of this Act, by which they are directed to hold special sessions in their respective divisions for the purposes therein set forth between the 15th and 30th of the present month."

17th October. **Letter** from the Revd. George Maclean, offering his services to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of the chaplain of the prisons, and stating that he has been curate of Cople for 10 years (see also No. 958). 948

18th October. **Statement** by Thomas Bennett, churchwarden of Woburn, to the magistrates at Quarter Sessions, that he is of opinion that 13 public houses are a sufficient number for the small town of Woburn, and that another one is not required, (see also No. 951). 952

953 Easter Sessions. **Statement** by Francis Giles in reference to the railing to the Turnpike road on the north-west side of Girtford Bridge, that it has been a long time dilapidated and Mr. Thornton has directed it to be repaired by Mr. Usher, and his bill accordingly amounts £9 10s. 6d.

956 24th October. **Letter** from G. Lamb, stating that he is directed by Viscount Melbourne to transmit to the chairman of Sessions the copy of an Act of Parliament, which has received the Royal assent, "for amending the laws relative to the appointment of special constables, and for the better preservation of the public peace," to which it is requested, the attention of the magistrates shall be drawn.

957 24th December. **Circular letter** (printed) from S. M. Phillipps to the chairman of Sessions.

Whitehall. "I am directed by Viscount Melbourne to request you to give instructions to the High Constables of the several hundreds or other divisions in the county, to make out and transmit to the Secretary of State, with as little delay as possible, a correct statement of all Peace officers, whether constables, borsholders, tythingmen, or under any other title, (excepting special constables appointed under the act passed in the last sessions) appointed for the several parishes, townships, or other places, within their respective hundreds. In order to facilitate the preparing of this retnrn, I enclose a number of printed forms which I am to request you to cause to be distributed to the several High Constables, at the ensuing Quarter Sessions of the Peace."

1832.

61 Epiphany Sessions. **Gaol Calendar.** Michæl Sabey, committed for deserting from the Bedfordshire Militia, sentenced to 6 months' hard labour, or to pay a fine of £20.

104 8th February. **Record** of the conviction of William Harradine of the parish of Cardington yeoman for having with a horse, at the parish of Henlow, gone off the turnpike road branching from the turnpike road from Hitchin to Bedford, through Henlow to Gerford (? Girtford) Bridge, on to the lands adjoining, with intent to evade the payment of tolls. Fined £2.

114 17th February. **Record** of the conviction of William Muckleton, of the parish of Harlington, retailer of beer, for keeping his house open for the sale of beer after ten o'clock at night. Fined £2 and costs; one half of the said fine to be awarded to John Watts of the same parish, the prosecutor.

22nd August. **Record** of the conviction of Ann Bird, widow and Richard Bird yeoman, both of Beeston in the parish of Sandy, occupiers of lands and tenements of the yearly value of £100 and upwards, keeping also two teams and being liable to perform statute work upon the highways, and turnpike roads, within the said parish, for neglecting to do such statute work as directed by William Hedding, surveyor of the Turnpike road leading from Biggleswade, to Alconbury Hill, in the county of Huntington, and for having used only one cart and three horses and two able men, at such time as they should have used two carts and three horses and two able men to each cart, contrary to an Act 56 Geo. III. Adjudged to pay a sum equal to twice the amount of such statute work according to the rates fixed by the justices as follows, 10s. for every cart with three horses and two men for one day, amounting in all to £5. 171

7th November. **Record** of the conviction of John Hawkins of the parish of Southill for driving a waggon along a highway in that parish and not having any other person on foot or on horseback to guide the same, nor any person to hold the horse's reins, contrary to an Act 13 Geo. III. Fined 10s. 204

3rd April. **Order** under the "Harlington Enclosure Act," 48 Geo. III., appointing Richard Peyton of Cooks Court, Lincoln's Inn, and George Aikin of Harlington to be arbitrators or referees to enquire the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat within the County for 21 years last past. 250

3rd April. **Order** under the "Caddington Enclosure Act" 38 Geo. III appointing William Wells Gardner of Biggleswade and George Aikin of Harlington to be arbitrators or referees to enquire the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat, within the county for 10 years last past. 251

3rd July. **Order** that the yearly tithe rent of £215 0s. 9½d. and payable to the Vicar of Caddington, shall be decreased to £164 14s. 9¾d. 252

3rd April. **Order** that the yearly tithe rent of £119 7s. 9d. payable to the Revd. Thomas Pearse, vicar of Harlington, shall be increased to £159 11s. 6d. 262

11th October. **Order** of Sessions made at Aylesbury in the county of Buckingham, that the Clerk of the Peace for that County shall forthwith write to the Clerks of the Peace for the several counties in England, calling attention to the enormously increasing expenditure of counties under the head of bridges, and inviting the co-operation of their counties respectively, in an application to Parliament for power to collect tolls from passengers over county bridges (for whose accommodation they have been erected) in order to reimburse the expenses of counties. 280

281 16th October. **Order** dividing the County of Bedford into six districts for polling, the said districts respectively to comprise the several parishes, townships and places, as follows :—

The Ampthill polling district shall comprise Ampthill, Aspley-Guise, Clophill, Cranfield, Eversholt, Flitton, Flitwick, Gravenhurst Upper, Gravenhurst Lower, Harlington, Hawnes, Higham Gobion, Holcutt, Houghton-Conquest, Husborne Crawley, Lidlington, Marston-Moretaine, Maulden, Millbrook, Pulloxhill, Ridgemont, Salford, Silsoe, Steppingly, Tingrith, Westoning, Woburn. The Bedford polling district shall comprise, Barford Great, Barford Little, Biddenham, Bromham, Cardington, Clapham, Cople, Eastcotts, Eaton-Socun, Elstow, Goldington, Kempston, Oakley, Ravensden, Renhold, Roxton, Stagsden, Steventon, Turvey, Wilden, Willington, Wilshamstead, Wootton, Town of Bedford viz. St. Cuthbert, St. John, St. Mary, St. Paul, St. Peter. The Biggleswade polling district shall comprise, Arlesey, Astwick, Beeston, Biggleswade, Blunham, Campton, Clifton, Cockayne-Hatley, Dunton, Edworth, Everton, Eyeworth, Henlow, Holwell, Langford, Meppershall, Moggershanger, Northill, Potton, Sandy, Shifford, Shitlington, Southill, Stondon Upper, Stotfold, Sutton, Tempsford, Warden, Wrestlingworth. The Leighton polling district shall comprise, Battlesden, Chalgrave, Eaton-Bray, Egginton, Heath-and-Reach, Hockliffe, Leighton-Buzzard, Milton Bryant, Potsgrove, Standbridge, Tilsworth, Toddington, Totternhoe. The Luton polling district shall comprise, Barton, Caddington, Dunstable, Houghton-Regis, Luton with its hamlets, viz. East Hyde, Leegrave, Limbury, Stopsley, West Hyde, Market-Street, otherwise Humbershoe, Streatley, Studham, Sundon, Whipsnade. The Sharnbrook polling district shall comprise, Bletsoe, Bolnhurst, Carlton, Chellington, Colnworth, Dean, Farndish, Felmersham, Harrold, Keysoe, Knotting, Melchbourne, Milton Ernest, Odell, Pavenham, Pertenhall, Puddington, Riseley, Sharnbrook, Shelton, Souldrop, Staughton Little, Thurleigh, Tilbrook, Wimmington, Yielden.

282 11th May. **Order** for the diverting and turning of a certain part of a footway within the parish of Dunstable, leading from Houghton Regis to Dunstable, and commencing at the east corner of Dog Kennel Close, belonging to William Frederick Brown, at a point marked A on the plan annexed, and proceeding across the said Close nearly along the south-east side thereof into the turnpike road leading from Dunstable, towards Hockliffe, at the south corner of the said Close, at a point marked B on the said plan and which is about 300 yards long, and that a new footway in lieu thereof shall be made, commencing at the east corner of the said Close at the point marked A on the said plan, and proceeding across the same in a straight line in a south-westerly direction, until it enters the turnpike road leading from Dunstable to Hockliffe, at a point marked C on the said plan, at a distance of 34 yards from the south corner of the said Close, containing in length about 274 yards, and in breadth 6 feet. And it is further ordered that as soon as the said new footway shall be completed, and the same certified, then the former footway shall be stopped up, and the soil thereof vested in the said William Frederick Brown, in exchange for the new footway.

11th May. **Consent** of William Frederick Brown to the making of a new footway over his land in consideration of the old footway being vested in him. 283

Plan of the proposed new footway across Dog Kennel Close. 284

1st June. **Order** for the diverting and turning of a certain part of a public highway and footway within the parish of Luton, leading from Biscott at a point marked A on the plan annexed, towards Biscott windmill, and entering at a gate marked B on the said plan into and through a farmyard belonging to Samuel Crawley Esqr. at Biscott, and in the occupation of John Bates, and into and through Cherry Tree Close, also belonging to the said Samuel Crawley, until it enters the Windmill Road at a point marked C on the said plan, and containing in length about 165 yards, and that a new highway and footway be made in lieu thereof, commencing at Biscott at the point marked A on the said plan, into and through the said close of Samuel Crawley (and in the occupation of John Bates) adjoining the street of Biscott aforesaid the Windmill Road (?) and proceeding in a southerly direction along the east side of the said close, until it enters the said Windmill Road at the said point marked C on the said plan, and containing in length about 134 yards, and in breadth 20 feet, and it is further ordered that upon the new highway and footway being completed, and the same certified, the former highway and footway shall be stopped up and the soil thereof vested in the said Samuel Crawley in exchange for the new highway. 285

1st June. **Consent** of Samuel Crawley Esqr. to the making of the proposed new highway and footway, through his land, in consideration of the old highway and footway being vested in him. 286

Plan of the proposed new highway and footway through Cherry Tree Close. 287

14th August. **Order** for the stopping up of part of a public highway in parish of Pavenham, (in the division of Bletsoe) leading out of the public road from Pavenham to Felmersham, towards the public road from Pavenham to Stafford Bridge, and commencing at Thomasins Green, along Colter's Lane, between the lands of Francis Green Esqr. on each side thereof, as far as a field called White Ground, in the said parish of Pavenham, the property of the Countess De Grey, and containing in length about 264 yards, and in breadth 9 feet, and also that the soil thereof be sold by the surveyor of the highways of Pavenham, to Francis Green Esqr. whose lands adjoin thereto, if he shall be willing to purchase the same, if not, then to some other person or persons for the full value thereof, (see Nos. 268 and 288). 289

Plan of such part of the highway proposed to be stopped up. 290

525 3rd January. **Certificate** that part of a highway situate in the township of Leighton Buzzard, between the chapel of Heath and Reach and the turnpike road called West Chester Road, containing in length 1000 yards, and in breadth 30 feet, is repaired.

526 3rd January. **Certificate** that part of a highway, situate in the hamlet of Heath-and-Reach in the township of Leighton Buzzard, and lying between the chapel of the said hamlet, and the turnpike road called the West Chester Road, containing in length 1200 yards, and in breadth 30 feet, is repaired.

527 16th October. **Certificate** that a highway situate in the parish of Cranfield, leading from the village of North Crawley in the county of Buckingham, towards the village of Marston-Moretain and presented at sessions on 14th October 9 Geo. IV., is now repaired.

540 2nd April. **Report** of Francis Giles, county surveyor, in reference to building an additional room out of the bath room at the New House of Correction, this room being for the purpose of a depository for the books and papers of the justices, and further in reference to building a new room over the above, for Mr. Tregenza's use, and that he has surveyed the same, together with the removal of the oven from the bath room, and refixing it in the cleansing room. Mr. Elger's tender for which work all complete is £70.

541 Easter Sessions. **Report** by Francis Giles in reference to Radwell Bridge, that he has surveyed it and specified the work necessary for its complete repair, also that he has obtained from Thomas Scrives a mason at Felmersham, a tender for the same for £150 and another from Samuel Harrison and Edward Green of Bromham for £130 15s. 9d., while that of Mr. Elger is for £125, the latter being recommended by Mr. Giles.

542 Midsummer Sessions. **Statement** by Francis Giles *re* Radwell Bridge: the repairs have not been completed owing to the continuance of the floods, and consequently he defers his report upon the same, until next sessions.

543 3rd July. **Report** by William Wells Gardner, of Biggleswade, George Aikin of Harlington, and Miller Golding of Biddenham, that the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat within the county for ten years last past is 7s. 5¼d.

544 to 546 3rd July. **Report** by Theed Pearse, Clerk of the Peace, that he has viewed Holm Mill Bridge over the River Ivel, and the five small arches or culverts, east of the same, over which a highway passes. Four of these arches adjoin together, the two first being 2 feet 2 inches wide, and all of them 206 feet from the end of the bridge, and from the bank of the river, over which it passes. The fifth arch is 2 feet 7 inches wide, and 58 feet from the four arches. All these are common road arches, such as are to be seen on every road where water is to pass from one side to the other.

It does not appear that previous to Easter Sessions 1827 Holm Mill Bridge had been repaired as a county bridge, but at that session the court made the following order "In reference to the order of last session directing the Clerk of the Peace to ascertain whether the same, (Holm Mill Bridge) be a county bridge; the Clerk of the Peace delivered his report stating, that he does not think the county liable to the repairs thereof, but at the same time calling the attention of the court to the case of the 'King v. the inhabitants of Kent, Maule v. Selwyn' Vol. 2 p. 513, A.D. 1814. And the court having taken the same into consideration, and also the statement of Mr. Giles that the bridge is now in an indictable state, and also the probable expense of trying the questions at law, ordered, that Mr. Giles be directed to take measures forthwith for making the necessary repairs at Holm Mill Bridge," and in pursuance of such order the said bridge was repaired at the expense of the county. At Epiphany Sesssions 1828, the court made the following order respecting one of the arches, now under consideration, being the 5th arch, viz. "a magistrate present stating that a small arch on the east side of Holm Mill Bridge has been by the flood two days ago destroyed, ordered that the county surveyor do in that event take the necessary means to repair the same forthwith," and at the following Quarter Sessions the following minute is entered in reference to the said last mentioned conditional order, Mr. Giles reported "that no repairs were necessary, but that in reference to the new bridge at Holm Mill some partial additions were required to the fencing the roadway, and were accordingly by him directed to be made, and the expense thereof according to a bill delivered by Mr. W. B. Usher is £4 8s. 6d. Ordered that the same be paid."

In reference to the present state of the five arches in question, the following order was made at the last Epiphany Sessions viz. "Mr. Giles having reported that a bridge over the drain to the east of Holm Mill Bridge is insufficient in its capacity over the water way and unsafe in respect to the roadway," ordered that Mr. Giles be directed to examine the same in reference to the expense of such alteration thereof as he would recommend, and that he report thereupon to this court on the first day of next sessions." The report made by Mr. Giles last Easter Sessions occasioned the order before stated, for this report.

From all this it appears that at and since Easter Sessions 1827, Holm Mill Bridge has been treated as a County Bridge, and from its being so considered, the county is liable by Statute 22 Henry VIII. Chap. 5 sec. 9, to repair such part and portion of the highways as lie next adjoining to the ends of the said bridge, distant from any of the said ends by the space of 300 feet, within which distance the five arches are situate.

This case is similar to the "King v. Oxfordshire" 11 Geo. IV. and 1 William IV. (1 Barnwall and Adolphus, p. 289) and the whole of that case is recommended to the consideration of the court. The road in continuation of Holm Mill Bridge eastward is a causeway between low meadow ground liable to be flooded from sudden rains, having wide ditches on each side of the road, the water being in ordinary times a drain of waste water from the River Ivel, south of the said bridge and flowing through the said arches northward. The two small arches appear to have been long built, the others are more modern and of

greater width, and may be sufficient for the ordinary flow of water, but it is apparent that in times of flood, the water overflows both the meadows and the road, and that it is clear these arches cannot be considered as "substantive" bridges, and if they were to be so considered, the county would be liable to the repair of 300 feet from either end of them, but on the authority of the case cited it seems they can only be considered as part of the highway, within 300 feet from the east end of the said bridge, and the bank of the river, and the said bridge now being treated as a county bridge, the question now to be decided is whether the county is liable to more than the keeping of the arches in repair, so as to admit of the ordinary passage along the road, as the public have enjoyed it. Mr. Giles in his last mentioned report did not state that the said bridge was out of repair etc., and the attention of the court is drawn to the case of "The King v. Devonshire" 6 Geo. IV. 1825 (this reported 4 Barnewell v. Cresswell p. 670).

The bridge in question was over the Dart, and it was stated that it was not ruinous, broken, dangerous and in great decay for want of necessary upholding, etc., but that it was too narrow, so that the king's subjects with their horses etc., could not pass without great danger of their lives, but it was stated that it was as wide as ever it was.

If the county should erect a new bridge in lieu of the five arches in question it may be doubtful whether the inhabitants will not be liable to the repair of the road at each end to the extent of 300 feet, and considering the winding of the brooks, rivers, and rivulets of the county, and their frequent crossing the common highways, many cases similar to the present may occur, and Holm Mill Bridge be quoted as a precedent for erecting other similar bridges, with liability to repair at the two ends.

547 3rd July. **Report** by Richard Peyton of Cook's Court, Lincoln's Inn, George Aikin of Harlington, and William Thomas Warren of Isleworth in the county of Middlesex land Surveyor, that the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat within the county for 21 years last past is 9s. 2¼d.

548 31st December. **Report** by Francis Giles in reference to the completion of the painting etc. of the Grand Jury room and Shire Hall, that it is not yet completed, but had it been, Messrs. Berrill and Woodruffe would have been entitled to the payment of their balance of £100, and it is therefore recommended that £80 only be paid to them on this account.

549 24th December. **Certified returns** of the Bedfordshire Regiment of Militia, consisting of 1 Colonel, Sir John Osborn, Bart. ; 1 Lieutenant Colonel, Richard Gilpin ; 5 Captains, James Brown Horner (Brevet Major) Samuel Wallis, John Henry Campbell, William Stuart and William B. Higgins ; 4 Lieutenants, Richard Hankins, Frederick J. Rix (assistant surgeon) Blacket R. Harrison, James Gosling (paymaster) and Ensign James Broderick, 1 Staff Captain and Adjutant Henry Leech ; 1 Surgeon, Charles W. Hyne ; 11 Serjeants, 10 Corporals, 7 Drummers, and Privates, full number 317. Vacancies which have arisen by time of service expiring up to the 20th November (1882) 112. Number on the roll 205.

Two Lieutenancies and three Ensigncies are vacant.

2nd April. **Estimate** by Francis Giles County Surveyor, for taking down five small arches which are the bridges over the drain to the east of the Holm Mill Bridge, and building one brick arch of 12 feet span in lieu of them, and also for fencing the roadway on each side of the bridge with posts and rails. The above arches being made of 4 inch brickwork, they will not provide much material towards building the new arch, the cost therefore of this work will be about £100. 573

(Rough plan of above is annexed).

3rd July. **A testimonial** to Sir Robert Harry Inglis, Bart. chairman of the Bedfordshire Quarter Sessions, from the magistrates of the county. 581

"We the undersigned magistrates of the County of Bedford assembled in Quarter Sessions, beg to offer you this our testimony of our unfeigned regret at the decision this day communicated to us, of the necessity under which you feel yourself of resigning the office of Chairman of the Sessions.

"We are deeply sensible of the unwearied attention which you have bestowed upon the numerous objects officially brought before you, of the personal sacrifices which you have made for the public service, and of the ability which you have invariably shown in the execution of your arduous duties. We are also fully sensible of the friendly and considerate manner in which you have constantly received the suggestions of your brother magistrates in all their official communications with you, as well as of the professional assistance which they have so constantly received at your hands, and of the uniform urbanity and impartiality which you have shown on every occasion

With these feelings we beg to offer you our most sincere and cordial thanks, and with every good wish for your future welfare and prosperity to subscribe ourselves." (29 signatures follow).

2nd January. **Presentment** that Blunham Bridge in the parish of Blunham situate in a highway leading from the town of Bedford, towards the village of Tempsford, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of the County of Bedford ought to repair the same. 588

1st November. **Indictment** of John Mann senior of the parish of St. Paul, Bedford, labourer and George Harris of the same, blacksmith, for conspiring to defraud the trustees of the Bedford Charity, by means of a forged certificate, to the effect that John Mann, junior, an apprentice to the said George Harris, was of sufficiently good character to become entitled to a sum of money, granted by the said trustees, under an Act 7 Geo. IV. (for the better management and disposition of the estates given by Sir William Harpur, knight, and Dame Alice his wife, for a free and perpetual school in the town of Bedford) to apprentices who had served the full term of apprenticeship and who had complied with the tenor of their indentures, whereas the said apprentice was not qualified to receive the said bequest. 630 & 631

646 3rd April. **Letter** from John J. Coward, and W. Bigge, at the request of the trustees of the Wesleyan Chapel, stating that the object of the application is to obtain the use of the Shire Hall, on Sunday, during the time that the said trustees may be employed in carrying into effect, their design of erecting a much larger structure, than their present chapel, in order to meet in some degree, the acknowledged want of space in such places of worship generally, for so increasing a population, and it is hoped that as the said building so solicited, has been used for various religious meetings, that the magistrates will consent to the matter in hand.

650 13th October. **Letter** from Sir Robert Harry Inglis to the Clerk of the Peace.

"In consequence of my late absence from England, I did not till this day receive your letter of the 14th August, conveying to me the address, with which the justices assembled in Quarter Sessions were pleased to propose on the 3rd July last to honour me. I request you to tender my grateful respects to the justices who have conferred upon me this distinction, and to assure them that I value it very deeply, and that I shall always retain the strongest sense of the uniform kindness, which they collectively and individually have shown to me, and which is crowned by this last act. I beg you to accept my personal thanks for the manner in which you have transmitted the address and for the aid which I have always found at your hands."

653 **Rough memoranda** as to certain orders of sessions *re* repairs at Holm Mill Bridge, from Epiphany Sessions 1828 to Epiphany 1832.

656 **Copy of resolution** by the justices for the County of Bedford, that they are unanimously of opinion that *firstly*, the expenses of the last six months have proved that the licensed beer houses are highly injurious to the morals industry, and good order of the labouring classes; *secondly*, that by holding out inducements to profligate and improvident expense they tend to increase parochial burdens; *thirdly*, that in the event of any disturbance in the county, they would become a rendez-vous for seditious and disorderly assemblies, and would oppose a formidable difficulty to the executions of the constabulary force; *fourthly*, that the act by which they are established has not operated to destroy the monopoly of the trade, or to provide a better or more wholesome beverage for the people; *fifthly*, that the principle of permitting the sale of beer is beneficial, but the consumption of it on the premises of the dealer is decidedly and extensively mischievous.

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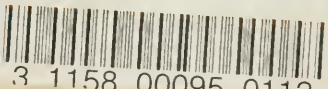

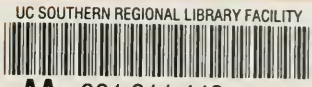

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